



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

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### **Minutes**

This notice and agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

The Mayor called the March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to order. The Mayor presented the Notice of Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

Board Members Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Wesley Slay (via telephone), Alderman Jayce Powell, and Alderwoman Lisa Williams.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Deputy City Clerk Chasity Pickett, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Planning and Zoning Director William Hall, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Grant Administrator Ruth Stogner, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

#### **2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.*

*Alderman Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

No action taken.

#### **3. Presented Items**

##### **A) Request to Recognize Gluckstadt Municipal Election Commissioners & Oath of Office (City Clerk)**

*The Mayor thanked the Gluckstadt Municipal Election Commissioners for their service in the city's upcoming municipal elections.*

*The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jerome Gentry and Ms. Ann Pray. Mr. Jimbo Raley was not in attendance and will take his Oath of Office later, administered by the City Clerk. (Exhibit "B")*

No action taken.

**B) Request for Approval of Resolution, Recognizing Germantown High School Boys Basketball Team, 7A State Champions (Alderman Powell)**

This agenda item was tabled until April.

No action taken.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**A) Approval of Claims Docket**

**B) Approval of February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**C) Approval of Renewal of BOAM Membership and Payment of Yearly Fees**

**D) Approval of Summer 2025 BOAM Conference Registration and Reimbursement of Associated Travel Fees (William Hall, Planning and Zoning Admin.& Curtis Jones, Building Inspector): June 9-13, Gulfport**

**E) Consideration of Awarding Various Term Bids**

**F) Purchasing Error, Core & Main**

**G) Request for Approval, Asphalt Repairs**

**H) Request for Approval to Accept One FN15 Rifle and One HUXWRX Flow 556k, as Donations from the District Attorney's Office (to be Added to Fixed Assets)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Taylor made the motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**5. Monthly Budget Report**

**A) Request to Adopt Resolution Amending the FY25 Budget (Public Works, City Administration)**

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the Resolution Amending the FY25 Budget (Public Works, City Administration) (Exhibit "D"). Alderman Powell made the motion to adopt the Resolution Amending the FY25 Budget (Public Works, City Administration), and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**B) Monthly Budget Report(s)**

*The Mayor presented the monthly budget report(s). (Exhibit "E")*

No action taken.

**C) Monthly Bank Reconciliations**

*The Mayor presented the monthly bank reconciliations. (Exhibit "F")*

No action taken.

**6. Grant Administrator, Grant Status Updates (Ruth Marie Stogner)**

**A) Grants Update**

*The Grant Administrator updated the board on general grant administration matters and the status of active grants.*

No action taken.

**B) Status of Federal Funding**

*The Grant Administrator updated the board on the status of federal grant funding and the freeze by the new administration. Grants that were previously closed have reopened.*

No action taken.

**C) Mayoral Health Council - 5K**

*The Grant Administrator, joined by Dr. Sheila Spann, updated the board on the Mayoral Health Council and the upcoming 5K Fun Run to be held March 29, 2025.*

No action taken.

**7. City Clerk, City Administration Matters (Lindsay Kellum)**

**A) Monthly Update, City Administration (City Clerk)**

*The City Clerk updated the board on city administration matters including election information. (Exhibit "G").*

No action taken.

**B) Monthly Privilege License Update (Assistant City Clerk)**

*The Assistant City Clerk updated the board on the monthly privilege license report. (Exhibit "H")*

No action taken.

**C) Notification to Board of Letters Mailed to Freeport Entities, Gluckstadt (Gluckstadt Request for Ad Valorem Exemption Process)**

*The City Clerk updated the board on the mail out of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Letters to Freeport and Industrial Entities requesting they file renewal applications with the City of Gluckstadt by April 1, 2025.*

No action taken.

**D) Consideration of Application for Exemption, Westlake Chemical**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve or deny the application for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Westlake Chemical. (Exhibit "I").

Alderman Williams requested this matter be tabled until April and directed the City Clerk to request Westlake Chemical to file on the appropriate city application, then resubmit.

This matter was tabled until April.

No action taken.

**E) 2025 Municipal Elections Update; Request to Approve Polling Place Lease Agreement & Contract with County Election Commission**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Polling Place Lease Agreement between the City of Gluckstadt and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Alderman Powell made the motion to approve the Polling Place Lease Agreement between the City of Gluckstadt and St. Joseph Catholic Church, and it was seconded by Alderman Bates. (Exhibit "J").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Williams, Alderman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then requested a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gluckstadt and the Madison County Election Commission. Alderman Taylor made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Gluckstadt and the Madison County Election Commission, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell. (Exhibit "K").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Williams, Alderman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**8. Building Official, Planning and Zoning Matters (William Hall)**

**A) General Update, Planning and Zoning/Building Department**

*The Planning and Zoning Director updated the board on planning and zoning matters. (Exhibit "L").*

No action taken.

### **B) Discussion and Consideration of Zaxby's Site Plan**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for Zaxbys. . Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the site plan for Zaxbys, contingent upon changes requested by the Architectural Review Board, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell. (Exhibit "M").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **C) Discussion and Consideration of Take 5 Oil Change Site Plan**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for Take 5 Oil Change. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the site plan for Take 5 Oil Change, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. (Exhibit "N").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **9. Public Works Department (Chris Buckner)**

### **A) Request for Approval, Public Works Vehicle Purchase**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the request for a Public Works vehicle purchase, at the lowest and best quote. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the request for Public Works vehicle purchase at the lowest and best quote, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. (Exhibit "O").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **B) Request for Approval, Striping of Church Road**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the request for striping of Church Road. Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the request for striping of Church Road, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. (Exhibit "P").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **10. Police Chief, Police Department Matters (Chief Barry Hale)**

### **A) General Update, Law Enforcement Matters**

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*The Chief of Police updated the board on law enforcement matters.*

No action taken.

**B) Requesting Approval to Accept the Agreed Order of Forfeiture in the Amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) & Request Transfer of Funds by City Clerk's Office**

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the Agreed Order of Forfeiture in the Amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) and request transfer of the funds by City Clerk's Office. Alderman Powell made a motion to accept the Agreed Order of Forfeiture in the Amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) and request transfer of funds by City Clerk's Office, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates. (Exhibit "N").

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**11. Public Comment**

*No members of the public signed up to address the board.*

No action taken.

**12. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session**

The Board considered entering closed session to determine whether to go into executive session. The Mayor requested a motion. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to enter into closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering the executive session. Alderman Powell made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the status of a land transaction, legal proceedings, and personnel matters in the Court Services and Public Works Departments, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board entered executive session. A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board had entered executive session to discuss the status of a land transaction, legal proceedings, and personnel matters in the Court Services and Public Works Departments.

**A) Discussion of Status of Land / Property Transaction**

*The Mayor and Board discussed the status of the land transaction obtained for the city park.*

No action taken.

**B) Discussion of Legal Proceedings**

*The City Attorney discussed matters of ongoing litigation.*

No action taken.

**C) Request to Hire Kelly Katherine Spivey Morganti as a Deputy Court Clerk, Municipal Court Services Department**

The Mayor requested a motion to hire Ms. Morganti for the position of Deputy Court Clerk, with Gluckstadt Municipal Court, at an annual salary of \$35,000.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance, and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System. Ms. Morganti has already passed relevant background checks and the drug screening. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to Ms. Morganti for the position of Deputy Court Clerk, with Gluckstadt Municipal Court, at an annual salary of \$35,000.00 plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates. Ms. Morganti has already passed relevant background checks and the drug screening.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**D) Request to Accept the Resignation of Public Works Maintenance Worker, Jamiroquan Young**

**The Public Works Director and the City Clerk discussed recent job performance issues related to Public Maintenance Worker, Jamiroquan Young, and allegations of gas purchase discrepancies related to a Public Works Fuelman card that Mr. Young had access to.**

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works Maintenance Worker Jamiroquan Young effective Friday, March 7, 2025. Alderman Powell made a motion to accept the resignation of Public Works Maintenance Worker, Jamiroquan Young, effective Friday, March 7, 2025, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**E) Request to Promote Willie Pickett to Interim Crew Leader, Public Works Department**

The Mayor requested a motion to promote Mr. Willie Pickett from within the Public Works Department to the position of Interim Crew Leader for the Department, effective March 13, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to promote Mr. Willie Pickett to the position of Interim Crew Leader for the Department, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**F) Request to Hire Maurice Perkins for Maintenance Worker I, Public Works Department**

The Mayor requested a motion to hire Mr. Maurice Perkins for the position of Maintenance Worker I for the Public Works Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to hire Mr. Maurice Perkins for the position of Maintenance Worker I for the Public Works Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, contingent upon successfully passing all background checks, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderman Slay, Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session. Alderman Taylor made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

*After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The Mayor and Board then exited executive session and re-entered open session.*

*A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board hired two individuals, one in Municipal Court as Deputy Court Clerk and one in the Public Works Department for Maintenance Worker, promoted one individual in the Public Works Department to the Interim Crew Leader position, accepted the resignation of a Public Works employee, and discussed the status of a land transaction and ongoing legal proceedings.*

**13. Adjourn**

Alderman Powell made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

  
WALTER C. MORRISON, IV  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:





LINDSAY D. KELLUM  
CITY CLERK

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March 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen