



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

Tuesday, April 08, 2025, at 6:00 PM

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, April 08, 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 April 08, 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, IV., Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates, Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderman Jayce Powell, and Alderwoman Lisa Williams (via telephone).

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Deputy 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, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.

Members of Boy Scouts Troop 1 of St. James Episcopal Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No action taken.

3. Presented Items

A) Introduction and Oath of Office of Diamond Bridges, Police Dispatchers (New Hires)

The Chief of Police announced the hiring of Dispatcher, Diamond Bridges and introduced her to the Mayor and Board.

The Mayor congratulated Ms. Bridges on her hire to the Dispatch Department and welcomed her to the city. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Bridges.

No action taken.

B) Introduction and Oath of Office of Jameria Vaughns, Police Dispatcher (New Hire)

The Chief of Police announced the hiring of Dispatcher, Jameria Vaughns and introduced her to the Mayor and Board.

The Mayor congratulated Mrs. Vaughns on her hire to the Dispatch Department and welcomed her to the city. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Vaughns.

No action taken.

C) Introduction and Oath of Office of Henri Pinkston, Police Dispatcher (New Hire)

The Chief of Police announced the hiring of Dispatcher, Henri Pinkston and introduced him to the Mayor and Board.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Pinkston on his hire to the Dispatch Department and welcomed him to the city. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Pinkston

No action taken.

D) Recognition of GHS Boys Basketball Team, 7A State Champions (Alderman Powell)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution Recognizing Germantown High School Boys Basketball Team as 7A State Champions (Exhibit "B"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the Resolution Recognizing Germantown High School Boys Basketball Team as 7A State Champions, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

E) Gluckstadt Futbol Club (Kevin Lanford)

Mr. Lanford addressed the board regarding the Gluckstadt Futbol Club, a non-profit organization promoting the sport of Futbol in the City of Gluckstadt, and the need to secure practice fields within the city.

No action taken.

F) Recognition of Madison County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. & Request to Hold Public Forum with City Officials & Department Heads, Q&A (Alderwoman Bates)

Alderwoman Bates introduced her sorority sisters, representatives of the Madison County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and recognized their efforts to promote diversity and inclusion within the local community. Alderwoman Bates discussed setting up an informal town hall in the coming

months to allow members of the community the opportunity to attend and ask questions of department heads, and the board, as well as discuss concerns in an informal setting.

She will work with the City Clerk and members of her sorority to set a date and plan the event.

No action taken.

G) Introduction of Scouts from Troop 1 of St. James Episcopal Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson (John Scanlon, City Attorney)

Mr. Scanlon introduced Scouts from Troop 1 of St. James Episcopal Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral in Jackson. The scouts were in attendance to earn their citizenship and communications badges.

No action taken.

H) Recognition of April 1st Primary Election Officials (Alderman Taylor)

The Mayor requested a motion to Recognize the April 1st Primary Election Officials (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the request to Recognize the April 1st Primary Election Officials, 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.

I) Recognition of Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 4 - May 10, 2025 (Alderwoman Bates)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution Recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 4 – May 10, 2025 (Exhibit "D"). Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the Resolution Recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 4 – May 10, 2025, 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.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

A) Approval of March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

B) Approval of Claims Docket

C) Request for Approval of Training & Travel Reimbursement, Investigating and Tracking Cyber Predators and Online Abuse Material, 04/07-08/25 (Kori Stewart)

D) Request for Approval of Training & Travel Reimbursement, 2025 MACP Summer Educational Conference, - Biloxi-6/17-6/20/2025 (Chief Barry Hale & Asst. Chief Jeremy Slaven).

E) Request to Attend STORM Conference & Approval of Travel Reimbursement, Grant Administrator (May 6-8, 2025, Biloxi, MS)

F) Request to Attend MMBOA 2025 Class on Power Panel Inspections and Payment of Associated Fees

G) Request for Approval for Sergeant Jamal Watkins to Attend The Transitional Leader Class (MLEOTA) & Reimbursement of Related Travel Expenses

H) Request for Approval for Sergeant Jamal Watkins to Attend The First Line Supervision Class (MLEOTA) & Reimbursement of Related Travel Expenses

I) Request For Approval to Designate a 2023 Dodge Durango in Possession of the Gluckstadt Police Department "Unmarked Vehicle"

J) Requesting permission to purchase Four (4) Microsoft Surface Pro 10 Ultra Touch Pads.

K) Request for Approval, Removing Trail Cameras from Fixed Assets

L) Request for Approval, Removing Chainsaw from Fixed Assets

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

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

5. Monthly Budget Report

A) Monthly Budget Reports

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

No action taken.

B) Monthly Bank Reconciliations

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

No action taken.

6. New Business

A) Request to Reschedule Regular Monthly Board Meeting, May 13th to Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm Special Called Meeting (Mayor Morrison)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve his request to reschedule the Regular Monthly Board Meeting from Tuesday, May 13, 2025, to Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the Mayor's request to reschedule the Regular Monthly Board Meeting

from Tuesday, May 13, 2025, to Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 pm., and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B) City of Gluckstadt Architectural Design Ordinance

The Mayor requested a motion to adopt the Gluckstadt Architectural Design Ordinance. Alderman Powell made the motion to adopt the Gluckstadt Architectural Design Ordinance, and Alderman Slay seconded the motion.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Taylor

The Mayor declared the motion carried, 4-1.

7. Old Business

A) Discussion of Germanfest 2026 (Alderman Powell)

Alderman Powell and the Mayor addressed the board regarding the status of planning for Gluckstadt Germanfest 2026.

No action taken.

8. Grant Administrator, Grant Status Updates (Ruth Marie Stogner)

A) Grant Status

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

No action taken.

B) Federal Funding Status

The Grant Administrator updated the board on the status of federal grant funding.

No action taken.

C) Mayoral Health Council

Dr. Sheila Spann addressed the board to notify them that May is Tobacco Awareness Month, and the theme is "Unmasking the Appeal," she is requesting assistance promoting this cause from city leaders. The City Clerk agreed to assist Dr. Spann with promoting Tobacco Awareness Month on city social media accounts.

No action taken.

D) Mississippi Main Street Membership Update

The Grant Administrator updated the board on the status of the city's Mississippi Main Street membership and what benefits are provided with the city's selected tier and payment of dues.

No action taken.

9. City Clerk, City Administration Matters (Lindsay Kellum)

A) General Update, City Administration (City Clerk)

The City Clerk updated the board on city administration matters including Primary and General Elections information, and the start of the FY26 budget planning process.

No action taken.

B) Monthly Privilege License Update (Assistant City Clerk)

The Assistant City Clerk provided an update on privilege license collections.

No action taken.

C) April 1st Primary Election, Recap (City Clerk)

The City Clerk updated the board on the outcome of the April 1st Primary Election and the status of planning for the June General Election.

No action taken.

D) Request for Ad Valorem Exemption, Hunter Engineering Company

The Mayor requested a motion to grant the Ad Valorem Exemption request for Hunter Engineering Company, and no member of the Board made a motion.

The Mayor then requested a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Hunter Engineering Company. Alderman Taylor made a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Hunter Engineering, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

E) Request for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, Westlake Chemical

The Mayor requested a motion to grant the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request for Westlake Chemical, and no member of the Board made a motion.

The Mayor then requested a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Westlake Chemical. Alderman Taylor made a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Westlake Chemical, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

F) Request for Ad Valorem Exemption, Fastenal

The Mayor requested a motion to grant the Ad Valorem Exemption request for Fastenal, and no member of the Board made a motion.

The Mayor then requested a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Fastenal. Alderman Taylor made a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Fastenal and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

G) Request for Ad Valorem Exemption, Sanhua International

The Mayor requested a motion to grant the Ad Valorem Exemption request for Sanhua International, and no member of the Board made a motion.

The Mayor then requested a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Sanhua International. Alderman Taylor made a motion to deny the Ad Valorem Exemption for Sanhua International, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

10) 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.

No action taken.

B) Discussion and Consideration of Germantown Wine and Spirits Conditional Use

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Application for Conditional Use for Germantown Wine and Spirits. Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the Application for Conditional Use for Germantown Wine and Spirits, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C) Discussion and Consideration of Germantown Wine and Spirits Site Plan

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for Germantown Wine and Spirits. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the site plan for Germantown Wine and Spirits, 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.

D) Discussion and Consideration of Aguilar Used Car Conditional Use

The Mayor requested a motion to approve Application for Conditional Use for Aguilar Used Cars. A motion was made by Alderman Slay to approve Application for Conditional Use for Aguilar Used Cars, 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.

12. Police Chief, Police Department Matters (Chief Barry Hale)

A) General Update, Law Enforcement Matters

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

No action taken.

B) Request to Approve Change Order #5, New Gluckstadt Police Department and Municipal Court (Benchmark Construction)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve Change Order #5 from Benchmark Construction related to the new Police Department and Municipal Court. A motion was made by Alderman Slay to approve Change Order #5 from Benchmark Construction related to the new Police Department and Municipal Court, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

13. Public Works Department (Chris Buckner)

A) Request for Approval, Proposal for Conceptual Design & Opinion of Probable Costs Services Gluckstadt Park

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the Proposal for Conceptual Design & Opinion of Probable Costs Services for Gluckstadt Park. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the

Proposal for Conceptual Design & Opinion of Probable Costs Services for Gluckstadt Park, 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.

B) Request for Approval, Overlay of American Way, Distribution Drive, Enterprise Drive, Hazelton Cove

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the overlay of American Way, Distribution Drive, Enterprise Drive, and Hazelton Cove. Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the overlay of American Way, Distribution Drive, Enterprise Drive, and Hazelton Cove, 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.

C) Request for Approval, Curb and Gutter Repairs (Bear Creek and Bradshaw Ridge Subdivisions)

The Mayor requested a motion to approve curb and gutter repairs in Bear Creek and Bradshaw Ridge Subdivisions. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve curb and gutter repairs in Bear Creek and Bradshaw Ridge Subdivisions, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

D) Request for Approval, Cooperation Agreement with Madison County for Road Improvements

The Mayor requested a motion for approval, Cooperation Agreement with Madison County for Road Improvements (various). Alderman Powell made a motion for approval, Cooperation Agreement with Madison County for Roads Improvements (various), it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

13. Public Comment

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

No action taken.

14. 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 Slay to enter into closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderman Slay made a motion to enter executive session to discuss job performance and personnel matters for the Police Department, 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 job performance and personnel matters for the Police Department.

A) Request to Accept the Resignation of Part-Time Police Officer Joseph Mullins, Police Department

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the formal resignation of Officer Joseph Mullins. Alderman Slay made a motion to accept the resignation, 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) Request to Accept the Resignation of Reserve Officer Michael Wilson, Police Department

The Mayor requested a motion to accept the formal resignation of Officer Michael Wilson. Alderman Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C) Request to Hire an Individual for Part-time Evidence Clerk/ Bailiff, Police Department

The Mayor requested a motion to hire Dee McLendon for the position of part-time Evidence Clerk/Bailiff in the Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.85, not subject to employment benefits such as health insurance and retirement, contingent upon successfully passing all necessary background checks. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to hire Dee McLendon for the position of part-time Evidence Clerk/Bailiff in the Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$17.85, not subject to include employment benefits such as health insurance and retirement, contingent upon successfully passing all necessary background checks, 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.

The mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. 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 voted to accept the resignations of Officer Joseph Mullings and Officer Michael Wilson, and the board granted the Chief's request to hire Dee McLeondon as Part-time Evidence Clerk/ Bailiff at the rate of \$17.85 an hour, not to include benefits, upon successful completion of all necessary background checks.

15. Adjourn

Alderman Slay made a motion to adjourn, 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.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK



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