



**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN: FY25 TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

Friday, September 06, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: FY25 Tax Levy Public Hearing is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Friday, September 06, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The Mayor called the September 6, 2024, Special Called Meeting (FY25 Tax Levy Public Hearing) of the Mayor and 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, Alderman Jayce Powell and Alderwoman Lisa Williams.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Deputy Clerk Scott Maugh, Chief of Police Barry Hale, City Planner Tim Youngblood (via telephone), Public Works Director Chris Buckner, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

No action taken.

3. New Business

A) Public Hearing: Discussion of FY25 Tax Levy & Budget Adoption

Next came the matter of a public hearing regarding the proposed FYE2025 tax millage levy and proposed municipal budget.

Mayor Morrison confirmed with the City Clerk that proper and timely notice was advertised according to state statute. The City Clerk provided proof of publication of the notice as an exhibit to the record. (Exhibit "B").

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if there were any citizens that signed up on the sign-in sheet to address the board on this matter, whether in support or opposition of adoption. The Mayor also noted that copies of the proposed budget were made available to the public for review at City Hall, and at Gluckstadt Fire Departments, prior to the public hearing. (Exhibit "C").

The City Clerk reviewed the sign-up sheet and confirmed there were no citizens who signed up to address the board concerning the FYE25 tax millage levy. (Exhibit "D"). The Mayor asked the City Clerk if there were any citizens who may have sent an email requesting to be heard on the matter. The City Clerk confirmed there were no citizens who made such a request, to her knowledge.

Additionally, the City Clerk noted the proposed tax levy upon which the FYE2025 budget is based is held constant, at 12 mills, with no proposed increase for FYE2025 by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and this information was published in the local newspaper.

The Mayor called for questions or comments from the public and with there being none, the public hearing was declared closed.

B) Consideration of Adoption of FY25 Tax Levy Order

The Mayor then opened the floor for discussion by the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Slay asked if it was possible to change their minds from previous discussions at budget workshops and raise the millage from 12 mills to 16 mills (increase of 4 mills) at this time, given the public notice published stated the Board was not going to increase millage this fiscal year. The Mayor asked legal to respond and legal counsel indicated it was not possible to raise millage at this point in time, as the public notice had been published already indicating the millage would remain at 12 mills, and due to the timeframe of having to adopt the FY25 municipal budget by September 15th, 2024, there would be no time to republish according to the statutory timeframes set forth in the Mississippi Code. The Mayor requested that in the future, the board and legal need to ensure clear communication throughout the budget workshop process that there is no possibility for raising taxes before the final formal notice is published, so the board has the ability to change their minds upon formal vote.

The Mayor then requested a motion to adopt the order levying tax millage (remaining at 12 mills) for fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. (Exhibit "E"). A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams to adopt the resolution levying taxes at 12 mills (no change from the prior fiscal year) for FY25, and Alderman Powell seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then stated the budget adoption for FYE2025 has been set via Special Called Meeting for September 13, 2024 at 3:00 pm, for consideration and a formal vote.

C) Request for Approval to Purchase a 2023 Dodge Charger, Gluckstadt Police Dept.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Charger for the Police Department at a price of \$38,500.00 (noting \$6000.00 of the funds were donated from area business owners and the remainder would come out of the Police Department's FY24 budget). (Exhibit "F"). A motion was made by Alderwoman Williams to approve the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Charger for the Police Department at \$38,500.00, finding it to be the lowest and best quote and requesting the Chief of Police issue a press release thanking the business owners for their generous donations (\$6000.00) to assist with purchase of this vehicle, and the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

4. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

The Board stated there was no need to hold a closed determination for executive session.

No action taken.

5. Adjourn

Alderman Powell made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay

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

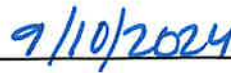
The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

