



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 PM
203 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and City Council of Picayune, Pearl River County, Mississippi met at City Hall, 203 Goodyear Blvd., in Picayune, MS, Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 5:00 PM in regular session with the following officials:

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland
Council Member Lynn Bogan Bumpers
Council Member Frank Ford
Council Member Jan Stevens
Council Member Anna Turnage
City Manager Harvey Miller
City Clerk Sid Albritton
City Attorney Nathan Farmer

ABSENT

Mayor Jim Luke

INVOCATION

Opening prayer was given by Reverend Brian Dees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jan Stevens.

RECOGNITION

- Picayune 11U Baseball All-Stars Undefeated District and State Champs

MAYOR'S UPDATES

CITY MANAGER REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT AND GAVE A BRIEF UPDATE ON THEIR DEPARTMENTS:

Eric Morris - Assistant City Manager
Ronnie Spiers - Public Works
Assistant Chief James Bolton - Police Department
Chief Pat Weaver - Fire Department
Wayne Wilson - Airport
Devin Hedgepeth - City Engineer

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Minutes of the City of Picayune dated July 18, 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the Minutes of the City of Picayune dated July 18, 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

1. Approve Docket A in the amount of \$584,176.61.

Motion was made Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve Docket A in the amount of \$584,176.61.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL MEMBER ANNA TURNAGE RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE MEETING.

2. Approve Docket B in the amount of \$4,204.96.

Motion was made by Council Member Bumpers, seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve Docket B in the amount of \$4,204.96.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke and Council Member Anna Turnage

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL MEMBER ANNA TURNAGE RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER

1. Approve Cemetery Plat for New Palestine Units F & G to be recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve Cemetery Plat for New Palestine Units F & G to be recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Accept a donation in the amount of \$675.00 from Sherwin-Williams.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to accept a donation In the amount of \$675.00.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve request to engage Butler Snow in assisting the City of Picayune in Continuing Disclosures responsibilities for fiscal year ending 2023 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve request to engage Butler Snow in assisting the City of Picayune in Continuing Disclosures responsibilities for fiscal year ending 2023 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Fire Department and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford to approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Fire Department and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

3. Approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Infrastructure and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Infrastructure and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL MEMBER ANNA TURNAGE RECUSED HERSELF FROM THE MEETING.

4. Approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Memorial High School and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration and the City of Picayune for the purpose of establishing the agreed upon conditions under which the DFA may disburse funds to assist the City of Picayune for HB603 Memorial High School and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, and Council Member Jan Stevens.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke and Council Member Anna Turnage
Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

AT THIS TIME, COUNCIL MEMBER ANNA TURNAGE RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

5. Approve request to sign a Resolution and send letter to our Congressional Delegation requesting a \$5,000,000 authorization in WRDA 2024 Section 219 for an Environmental Infrastructure project for water and stormwater management infrastructure, drainage systems and water quality enhancement project and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve request to sign a Resolution and send letter to our Congressional Delegation requesting a \$5,000,000 authorization in WRDA 2024 Section 219 for an Environmental Infrastructure project for water and stormwater management infrastructure, drainage systems and water quality enhancement project and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

1. Accept the grant award from MDEQ for the Ridge Crest Water Project in the amount of \$200,133.62 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford to accept the grant award from MDEQ for the Ridge Crest Water Project in the amount of \$200,133.62 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Accept the grant award from MDEQ for the City Hall Drainage Project in the amount of \$609,290.34 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Ford to accept the grant award from MDEQ for the City Hall Drainage Project in the amount of \$609,290.34 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

CITY ENGINEER

1. Approve authorization to award the Friendship Park Project - Infield Turf @ Fields 1, 2, 3, & 4, and Infield Turf & Outfield Re-Grading @ Fields 6 and 7 for infrastructure improvements and turfing for erosion control to Rotolo Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$2,093,255.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve authorization to award the Friendship Park Project - Infield Turf @ Fields 1, 2, 3, & 4, and Infield Turf & Outfield Re-Grading @ Fields 6 and 7 for infrastructure improvements and turfing for erosion control to Rotolo Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$2,093,255.00 and authorize Mayor to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Approve out of state travel for Capt. Theresa Milar to Chattanooga, Tennessee for a ROCIC Conference on September 10th through September 14th, 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve out of state travel for Capt. Theresa Milar to Chattanooga,

Tennessee for a ROCIC Conference on September 10th through September 14th, 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Accept the FY2024 Occupant Protection Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Stevens to accept the FY 2024 Occupant Protection Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

3. Accept the FY 2024 Impaired Driving Grant (DUI) in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to accept the FY 2024 Impaired Driving Grant (DUI) in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

4. Approve request to surplus and sell at auction twenty-six (26) analog Motorola radios.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve request to surplus and sell at auction twenty-six (26) Motorola radios.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

5. Approve request to surplus and sell at auction a 2000 Ford F-150 Pickup (seized vehicle).

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve request to surplus and sell at auction a 2000 Ford F-150 Pickup (seized vehicle).

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

6. Approve request to surplus and sell at auction the following seized weapons:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| a. AR 15 Palmetto Arms PA 15 | serial # P1036427 |
| b. Ruger .22 Caliber Rifle | serial # 232-03031 |
| c. Taurus 1911 ACO Handgun | serial # NFZ82006 |
| d. Ruger Mark III 22/45 Handgun | serial # 272-33955 |

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve request to surplus and sell the listed seized weapons.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL MEMBER 'S BUSINESS

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to enter Closed Session to determine the need for an Executive Session regarding:

a. Personnel Matter

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MOTION TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to exit Closed Session, and determined there was no need for Executive Session.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MOTION TO REQEEST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers requesting City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Judge to make recommendations on what disciplinary actions should be taken regarding the City Court Clerk, Shelly Williams, and recommendations to be given back to Council ay next Council Meeting, August 15, 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to recess until August 15, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: Mayor Jim Luke

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

Sid Albritton, City Clerk

Jim Luke, Mayor