



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 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, September 6, 2022, at 5:00 PM in regular session with the following officials:

PRESENT

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

INVOCATION

Opening prayer was given by Fire Chief Pat Weaver.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Larry Breland.

At this time, EPIC made a presentation for their "Exodus Project 21"

RECOGNITION

Certificate was presented to the family of Gregory Walls Sr. by the Mayor and City Council.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE

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

Chief Pat Weaver- Fire Department

Chief Joe Quave- Police Department

Eric Morris- Public Works

Diane Miller- Code Enforcement

Trever Adam- Parks and Recreation

Wayne Wilson- Airport Manager

Lindsay Ward- Pearl River County Economic Development Director

Norman Howell– Picayune Main Street

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the Minutes of the City of Picayune dated August 16, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve the Minutes of the City of Picayune dated August 16, 2022.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes of the City of Picayune dated August 22, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes dated August 22, 2022.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

3. Approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes of the City of Picayune dated August 23, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes of the City of Picayune dated August 23, 2022.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

4. Acknowledge Oaths of Office for the Municipal Court Deputy Clerks.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to acknowledge Oaths of Office for the Municipal Court Deputy Clerks.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

1. Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve Docket A in the amount of \$869,523.34

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

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

2. Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve Docket B in the amount of \$ 110.00.

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

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: 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. Accept request to re-appoint Virgie Bolton for a 5-year term with the Picayune Housing Authority as Commissioner beginning November 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to re-appoint Virgie Bolton for a 5-year term with the Picayune Housing Authority as Commissioner beginning November 2022.

ROLL CALL WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY BRELAND

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve request to apply for a Walmart grant for Movie Nights.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve request to apply for a Walmart grant for Movie Nights.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Accept \$50.00 donation from Councilwoman Jan Stevens to the Mayor's Youth Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Turnage to accept \$50.00 donation from Councilwoman Jan Stevens to the Mayor's Youth Council.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Approve authorization to begin accepting donations for the Welcome Signs at exits 4 and 6.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Ford to approve authorization to begin accepting donations for the Welcome Signs at exits 4 and 6.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Approve authorization to surplus items that are no longer usable.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve authorization to surplus items that are no longer usable.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

CITY ENGINEER

1. Approval for Dungan Engineering to advertise for bids for the Ridgecrest Drive Water Distribution Improvement Projects.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford for approval for Dungan Engineering to advertise for bids for the Ridgecrest Drive Water Distribution Improvement Projects.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Per City management, approve request that has been made for the Mayor and City Council to reject any and all bids submitted for the Friendship Park Turf Project at this time and allow Mayor to execute rejection letter to all bidders.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve request that has been made for the Mayor and City Council to reject any and all bids submitted for the Friendship Park Turf Project at this time and allow Mayor execute rejection letter to all bidders.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Approve Out of State Travel for John D. Farmer to attend Fundamentals of Report Writing class in Zachary, Louisiana on September 27, 2022.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve Out of State Travel for John D. Farmer to attend Fundamentals of Report Writing class in Zachary, Louisiana on September 27, 2022.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Approve to surplus and auction the lot of unusable items.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve to surplus and auction the lot of unusable items.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

3. Approve request to surplus Duty Handgun Holsters and sell at auction.

Motion was made by Council Member Stevens, seconded by Council Member Ford to approve request to surplus Duty Handgun Holsters and sell at auction.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

4. Approve request to surplus and destroy the following obsolete and unusable equipment.

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford to approve request to surplus and destroy the following obsolete and unusable equipment.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

5. Accept donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Walmart for the Police Summer Camp.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Turnage to accept donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Walmart for the Police Summer Camp.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Approve authorization to accept grant check from Walmart in the amount of \$1,000.00. Funds will be used to purchase fire prevention items.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve authorization to accept grant check from Walmart in the amount of \$1,000.00. Funds will be used to purchase fire prevention items.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

1. Approve request to hold Public Hearing for Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Turnage to approve request to hold Public Hearing for Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Stevens to closed Public Hearing for Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

2. Approve request to adopt Resolution Setting Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve request to adopt Resolution Setting Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorize Mayor and City Clerk to sign all related documents.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Breland, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Stevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL MEMBER'S BUSINESS

MAYOR'S UPDATES

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Turnage, seconded by Council Member Ford to enter closed session to determine the need for an executive session regarding

- a. Personnel Matter
- b. Contractual Matter

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MOTION TO EXIT CLOSED SESSION

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

MOTION TO APPOINT HARVEY MILLER AS INTERIM CITY MANAGER

Motion was made by Council Member Breland, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to appoint Harvey Miller as Interim City Manager.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member 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: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

DO NOT CONSIDER AND TOOK NO ACTION ON CONTRACTUAL MATTER FOR CLOSED SESSION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS

Motion was made by Council Member Ford, seconded by Council Member Bumpers to recess until September 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jim Luke, Council Member Larry Breland, Council Member Lynn Bumpers, Council Member Frank Ford, Council Member Jan Sevens, and Council Member Anna Turnage.

Voting Nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Abstaining and not voting: None

The motion was declared carried.

ATTEST:

Sid Albritton, City Clerk

Jim Luke, Mayor