

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on August 8, 2022, at 5:00 P.M., this being the special meeting time. Mayor Greg Graves called the meeting to order, and the following Aldermen were present: Simpson, Dear, Hale, Moore, and Tanksley. Also present were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Fire Chief Ethan Foresman, Police Chief Richard Chandler, and Michael Cathey.

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN**

Date: August 2, 2022

From: Mayor Greg Graves

Subject: Special Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Senatobia shall be held on Monday August 8, 2022 at 5:00p.m. at the City Hall Building Board Room, in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Discuss Budget FYE 2023
2. Set Public Hearing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Budget FYE 2023



Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Harbin, City Clerk

All Aldermen were notified in person on 8/1/2022 at 6:15p.m.

Approve Agenda

CITY OF SENATOBIA
CITY HALL
August 8, 2022
5:0 P.M.
SPECIAL MEETING

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Budget FYE 2023 Discussions
4. Set Public Hearing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Budget FYE 2023

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Moore, to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Budget FYE 2023 Discussions

Mayor Graves stated that we have been working on the numbers and entering some request of department heads. I asked Francis to add \$1.00 for garbage to see how much that might affect revenue.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered it would increase it by about \$40,000.

Alderman Dear asked about the county and shelter.

Mayor Graves answered that some seem ok with going up and some don't. I told Cole that we are interested in increasing the budget if they would match.

Alderman Simpson stated when he listened to the department head budget requests, there were a few. Alderman Simpson asked Francis how many of the requests are in the budget we are looking at now.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered some are. The building department has supplies for small building renovations, the park departments request for a new mule, the payment for the comprehensive plan in the administrative department, trucks, and a skid steer for the utility department.

Alderman Simpson stated to me, my thoughts, the biggest obligation is to salaries. We need to take care of the folks we have. If not, we won't have anyone to drive the new trucks we get. Even above new positions.

Mayor Graves asked do you want to look at 4 %.

Alderman Simpson asked Francis if we went with 4% raises, high end on the police and no millage increase, where would we be at.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson it would equal the Sal 4 without 3 additional firemen.

Alderman Hale said look at Sal 3 without the 1 additional mil.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson stated subtract \$58,000.

Alderman Simpson stated I know Rob wants 2 people, needs one, maybe 2 firemen, maybe 2 trucks instead of 4. What is the skid for again?

Alderman Moore stated just to make things easier because it is smaller.

Alderman Simpson stated the perfect example is the pothole patcher.

Alderman Moore stated that would save \$100,000. How about the proposed raises, 2 trucks, and the work order system for the utility fund.

Alderman Simpson stated I hate to see someone pick their own salary.

Mayor Graves stated so the 4% raise for all, 2 trucks and the work order system.

Alderman Simpson asked how much Jeff got last year.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered \$5,500.

Mayor Graves stated he was low.

Alderman Simpson asked how much would \$2.00 an hour be.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered about 6.75%. He's at \$30 an hour now.

Alderman Dear stated a good incentive is having a secondary insurance option. It saves employees on copays, etc.

Mayor Graves asked what that cost would be.

Alderman Dear answered I don't know. The county offers it.

Police Chief Chandler stated I think about \$2,000 extra an employee.

Mayor Graves asked what about a 5% increase, remove the skid stee and two trucks. Mayor Graves stated the work order system would help. They seem to have quit a bit of communication issues.

Alderman Simpson stated maybe give supervisors 6%.

Mayor Graves stated so for the utility department, street and garbage departments we are doing 5% increase for employees, 6% for supervisors, removing 2 trucks, removing the skid steer.

Alderman Moore asked about the general revenues, we just look at what we've received so far and project to get in the remainder of the budget year.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered yes.

Mayor Graves asked about Mrs. Cowans department, utility billing.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson stated some raises were pretty much it.

Alderman Moore asked about the Securix revenue.

Police Chief Chandler answered it is included, we are predicting about \$50,000 a month.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson stated Mrs. Cowans had \$1.00 for everyone except herself and Patricia. She was giving Patricia \$0.25 and nothing for herself.

Mayor Graves stated so for the utility billing department give 6% increase to the supervisor, Mrs. Wright \$0.25 increase, and \$1.00 for the remaining ones.

Mayor Graves stated that the Animal Shelter is a little contingent upon what the County decides, right now they are good at \$87,500.00.

Alderman Simpson stated if they go to \$87,500 and we do also, that will cover roughly a 5% increase for the employees.

Mayor Graves stated so 5% increase for everyone and a 6% for Kris.

Alderman Dear stated the parks department, what about the 2% Tourism revenue.

Mayor Graves stated he mainly wants employees.

Alderman Moore asked how much does our Tourism revenue amount to.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson answered about \$60,000 a month.

Mayor Graves stated he requested a fulltime employee and a mule.

Alderman Moore stated a full time is to replace 2 part time, which is budgeted now, a mule, a new concession building of some sort, and to increase the concession manager position pay to \$18 an hour. Alderman Moore stated I think a food truck is a better option.

Mayor Graves stated that Jamie might can help with that.

Alderman Simpson stated Jamie might could reorganize the concession stand building. I still think 2 windows would work better.

Alderman Dear stated he was told they keep up with drink sales by counting cups.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson stated they have a system that keeps up with everything.

Alderman Moore asked if we could increase the bond.

Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson stated we'd have to look into that, I don't know that we could.

Mayor Graves stated I don't think we can.

Alderman Moore stated put the mule out of the tourism fund. It is used to maintain and repair the sports park.

Alderman Dear asked about the artificial turf.

Mayor Graves stated he is working on it, Jamie is helping to come up with sponsorship options.

Mayor Graves stated so for the park department, to add a fulltime position, replacing the two part time ones, a new mule and giving the old one to Jamie, Main Street, a food truck for concessions, put part time concession workers at \$9 to \$10 an hour, increase the chemical line item by \$15,000 and increase the pay for the concession manager position to \$16 an hour.

Mayor Graves stated so for the building department, a 6% increase for Jim, add a part time administration position, and leave Brevin as part time.

Set Public Hearing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Budget FYE 2023

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Alderman Dear, to authorize to set a public hearing for the Ad Valorem Tax Levy and Budget FYE 2023 on September 6, 2022. All present voting yea, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Alderman Simpson, and seconded by Alderman Moore, to recess to Monday August 15, 2022 at 5pm. All voting yea, motion carried.

Greg Graves, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katie Harbin –City Clerk