

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
5:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD ALDERMAN ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE,, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

ABSENT: Alderman David Ewing.

INVOCATION: Alderman Doug Stone.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to approve the proposed Minutes dated September 3, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated September 10, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding salaries, hourly wages and work performance of certain employees in the Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department, the Mayor's Office, and the Aberdeen Public Works Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding salaries, hourly wages and work performance of certain employees in the Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department, the Mayor's Office, and the Aberdeen Public Works Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the 2019-2020 **Common City Budget** summarized as follows, and to publish in the Monroe County Journal the condensed budgets for all City Funds, for the Fiscal Year:

Administration and Finance	1,305,674
City Clerk	273,273
City Council and Legal	87,979
Court Clerk	73,294
Fire Department	708,616
Inspection Department	76,421
Mayor's Office	64,933
Mechanic Department	95,334
Parks and Recreation Dept.	232,239
Police Department	1,142,573
Public Works	217,469
Sanitation & Trash Department	712,033
Street Department	365,047
TOTAL DEPT. BUDGETS	<u>5,359,885</u>

On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the 2019-2020 **Magnolia's Budget** summarized as follows:

Income

City of Aberdeen	\$35,000.	
Facility Rentals	\$9,000.	
	Projected Income	\$47,800.

Expenses

Utilities (Heat/Telephone)	\$2,500.	
Advertising	\$2,500.	
Cleaning	\$1,500.	
General Repair/Upkeep	\$14,000.	
Hostess	\$10,800.	
Landscape Maintenance	\$9,500.	
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$1,500.	
Pest Control	\$600.	
Security	\$1,500.	
	Projected Expenses	\$47,800.

On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the 2019-2020 **Aberdeen Visitors Budget** summarized as follows:

Income 1%	80,000
17-2018 budget surplus	11,573
Grants received	2,000
Income Total	93,573

Expenses	
Advertising/PR	23,245

Office Expenses	19,815
Personnel Expenses	50,513

Expense total	91,100
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A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the 2019-2020 **Aberdeen Water Department Budget** summarized as follows:

Water Sales (Schedule A)	1,495,940
Sewer Sales	637,122
Water and Sewer Taps	5,000
Axiall Income	245,000
Nanacor Income	4,000
Other Service Revenue (Schedule B)	41,300
Other Income	5,680
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,430,362

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Distribution Expense (Schedule C)	503,200
Customer Accounts & Records (Schedule D)	222,000
Administration and General Exp. (Schedule E)	252,900
Maintenance of System (Schedule F)	288,500

TOTAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSE	1,266,600
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	
Depreciation	673,836
Taxes	332,142
Capital Expenditures	34,837
Loan Repayment Joint Costs	
DEBT EXPENSE	60,000
Interest on Long Term Debt	60,425
TOTAL ALL EXPENSE	2,427,840
NET INCOME (LOSS)	2,522

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the 2019-2020 Aberdeen Electric Department salary changes as presented. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the following tax millage schedule of the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

CITY OF ABERDEEN MISSISSIPPI
FINAL MILLAGE SCHEDULE
 FY - 2020 (TAX YEAR 2019)

	FY- 2019	FY- 2020
Common City General Fund	61.02	60.61
Std. Industrial Park Maintenance Fund 44	.99	1.00
Street Paving B&I Fund 76	3.29	4.04
Evans Memorial Library Maint. Fund	1.35	1.35
"Magnolia's" Maintenance Fund	1.00	1.00
2018 Street Paving B&I	3.82	3.47
School Bond and Interest Fund(bonds)	1.13	1.10
School Bond and Interest Fund(3 mill)	1.41	1.65
School District Maintenance	52.06	52.68
CITY LEVY	71.47	71.47
SCHOOL LEVY	54.74	55.75
TOTAL LEVY	126.21	127.22

On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to approve the City's purchase of the property and equipment breakdown insurance policy, effective October 1, 2019. The insurance premium will be \$20,000.00 with Hudson Insurance Company, an increase from the prior year. Terrorism coverage will be elected. The insurance quote and proposal was submitted by agent West Central Insurance Company. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to adopt a Proclamation for Constitution Week - Ringing of the Bells of Freedom. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to accept the retirement of Aberdeen Police Department CID Secretary Patsy Bowen effective September 30, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to transfer Aberdeen Police Department dispatcher Sophia Jones to the fulltime position of CID Secretary at the wage of \$12.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to employ Lealon Cook and Amy Kumar as fulltime Aberdeen police officers (patrolman) at the wage of \$12.00 per hour and to employ Janel Davidson as a fulltime dispatcher at the wage of \$10.00 per hour, all as recommended by Police Chief Henry Randle. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to upgrade all auxiliary police officers' pay to \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to table discussion regarding the proposed purchase of a dump trailer for the Aberdeen Public Works department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Tina Robbins - Rural Tourism - Natchez, MS, October 20-23, 2019 and Retirement Communities - Chattanooga, TN, November 5-8, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Alderman Sykes stated that Tony Grear had a complaint concerning the Aberdeen Electric Department personnel cutting a tree at his Grear's business location.

Alderman Stone expressed his concerns regarding the Mayor carrying a firearm into the City Hall Boardroom at public meetings.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to adopt a City Policy banning certain firearms at Public Meetings of the Board of Aldermen in the Aberdeen City Hall Building and to authorize the posting of the signs banning such firearms as provided by Mississippi Code Sections 97-37-1, 45-9-53, 45-9-101 and 21-17-5. The signage shall not restrict Aberdeen Police Officers from carrying of their firearms. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to authorize Attorney Faulks to negotiate and convey a counter-offer for the proposed sale of certain City owned tracts in the Prairie Industrial Park to Ben R. "Sonny" Long Jr. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to adjourn until the October 1, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jackie Benson, City Clerk