

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**MAYOR CHARLES SCOTT, ALDERMAN ROBERT DEVAULL, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN, MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK, BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT FAULKS.**

Invocation: Pastor James Cook.

ROLL CALL.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the proposed Minutes dated November 2, 2021. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the proposed Minutes dated November 8, 2021. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated November 16, 2021. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom, and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize a payment to and add the claim of the Mississippi Municipality Liability Plan in the amount of \$78,473.27 to the Docket of Claims dated November 16, 2021. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize City of Aberdeen Department Directors and employees to attend the Leadership Training Seminar introduced by Dr. James Cook and Pastor James Hull. This will be a mandatory training. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Devaull to post and advertise for persons interested in service on the Aberdeen Municipal School Board. The present School Board Member may also apply. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Devaull to allow operators to park their 18-wheeler trucks/ trailers at the former Holley Building parking lot. A security system will be installed. A parking fee will be charged to each operator; and each operator will be required to execute an agreement waiving any liability of the City for any damage to the trucks/trailers and to any property on the trucks/ trailers. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize payment of the Tennessee Tombigbee Waterway Council - Mayor's Membership fee in the amount of \$175.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize a Full Service Vending Agreement with Pepsi Beverage Company. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".



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A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to adopt a proposed Resolution Authorizing the Aberdeen Electric Department to become a member of Seven States Power Corporation and to authorize Electric Department Manager LaMarcus Thompson to submit an application for membership. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize Public Works Department Manager Richard Boone to attend the FEMA training class, at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Huntsville, AL / December 12-16, 2021 / No cost to the City of Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize an agreement with Cintas to furnish uniforms for Aberdeen Electric Department employees, and to furnish uniforms for employees in other City Departments who will purchase their uniforms. This is a three year term contract. Cintas submitted the lowest and best quote for the City employee uniforms. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

There was no motion or vote to authorize the purchase of a 4-Ton Falcon Hot Box at State Contract Price from Covington Sales and Service in the amount of \$49,995.00. This matter was "tabled" for further review.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to employ Khalil Kelley as a Laborer in the Public Works Department at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Scott congratulated the Electric Department for receiving a Provider of Excellence Award. Mayor Scott recognized Electric Department Manager LaMarcus Thompson has doing an excellent job in the position of General Manager.

Mayor Scott stated the Mississippi State Department of Food Service and Health Promotion will be administering COVID19 Vaccines as well as providing literature about COVID19 before and following the Aberdeen Christmas Parade.

Mayor Scott asks citizens to report any potholes they see within the City and to report the potholes on the City Website page.

Mayor Scott announced a Leadership Seminar designed for City of Aberdeen directors and employees. It's called "Leadership Aberdeen: Excellence is Everything". The leadership training is designed to teach directors and supervisors leadership skills, quality of work and productivity skills. The instructors for the leadership training are Dr. James Cook and Pastor James Hull.

Pastor James Hull and Dr. James Cook were invited to the Board Meeting to share information with the Board about this Leadership Training Seminar. Pastor Hull stated that the Seminar should also assist City employees to be more professional and productive, to have better communication skills, and to understand team building.

**Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:**

**Alderman Devaull:** Curbs and streets need cleaning. Trash is being thrown everywhere by citizens or people from other cities. Aberdeen can look much better than it does now. We can be patient until lawn mowing and bush-hogging season is over; afterwards we need to be dedicated to eliminating trash and litter. Alderman Devaull stated that citizens have the right to report anyone that's littering to City Inspector Roy Haynes and/or Detective Dewayne Ealy. Alderman Devaull has received calls from citizens complaining about Jake Brakes noise from Highway 25.

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**Alderwoman Garth:** Alderwoman Garth did not have anything to report at this time.

**Alderman Haynes:** Alderman Haynes gave a shout-out of "Salute to all Veterans", especially to any City employees and Board Members that may be a Veteran. Alderman Haynes asked where we stand on the Zoning Commission Members. Mayor Scott stated we are reading over the Minutes to verify the actual expiration dates of the Zoning Commission Members. The list we received was not accurate regarding dates of appointments and terms, and Mayor Scott expects to present this matter at the next Board Meeting. Alderman Haynes stated we also have a School Board appointment in December. The Board missed the deadline on the prior School Board appointment, and I do not want us to miss another deadline again. This needs to be on our minds, whether it be a re-appointment or someone new. Alderman Haynes is asking citizens to please bag your leaves in a black or green trash bag and put the bags on the curb. This will make it easier for Public Works employees to pick them up.

Alderman Haynes received a letter from the Aberdeen Food Pantry Director Lloyd Massey complaining about the tractor trailers parking on Orange Street and blocking the entrance to the Pantry on the Saturdays when they distribute the food. Massey is asking for the City's help with this matter.

**Alderwoman Odom:** Alderwoman Odom commended City Inspector Roy Haynes and Public Works employees for the work they did on the red log house located on Highway 145 North. It looks great. A corner of Cheryl Drive is falling in and someone needs to pay attention to it as soon as possible.

**Alderman Allen:** Garbage containers along Thayer Avenue at the Fairfield Apartments are being left along the street and blocking the lanes, and also being knocked over, leaving scattered trash on the ground. Alderman Allen would like for the garbage containers to be moved backed closer to the apartments.

Alderman Allen stated the Board had discussed at the last Meeting temporarily blocking East and West Parkway north of Ridgeway, and this has not been done. There is a huge pothole and we need to block off the streets at that point. Alderman Allen would like to give a shout-out to the Lann family for renovating the entrance to Oddfellows Cemetery. The columns have been painted, the over-head railings being painted, and a new sign replacing the old sign has been installed. Mattox Services did the landscaping. I appreciate the two local Aberdeen families doing the work at Oddfellows Cemetery. It looks really nice.

Alderman Allen stated there is a burned house in Ward One on South Chestnut Street and Whitfield Street. Alderman Devaull stated City Inspector Roy Haynes had contacted the owners, and resolution of the claim has been held up with the Insurance Company, and Alderman Devaull will be following up with Inspector Roy Haynes. Alderman Allen has received a request wanting to know whether the City has some "Do Not Litter" signs that can be placed throughout the City to bring attention to this concern to drivers before they litter the streets with trash.

**Citizen's Input:**

Tina Robbins informed the Board that the Christmas Parade Committee has been working diligently, and there are over 40 entrants at this point to participate in the parade. Ms. Robbins is asking citizens of Aberdeen to support the West Point Christmas Parade, and noted the City of West Point has been asked to support the Aberdeen Christmas Parade. There will be Bulldog Chili for sale at the Depot after the parade. The price for the chili is \$5.00. Ms. Robbins stated there are several events happening in the months of November and December.



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A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Allen to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues concerning employees James Pargo, Lee Johnson and Christopher Dobbins, and to discuss the status of the Proposal for Conditional Sale and Purchase of Real Property with Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC. 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 concerning employees James Pargo, Lee Johnson and Christopher Dobbins, and to discuss the status of the Proposal for Conditional Sale and Purchase of Real Property with Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve an Agreement between the Aberdeen Electric Department and SA Recycling, 1061 West Church Hill Road, West Point, MS 39773 to sell scrap metal to be placed in an empty container at fair market value. The fee for the container is \$180.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to suspend employment of James Pargo for 3 days (11/17-19/2021), with no pay. If James Pargo is before the Board again within 90 days there will be an automatic termination of employment. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderman Devaull and Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to rescind and cancel the Proposal for Conditional Sale and Purchase of Real Property with Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC concerning the former Holly Performance Products site. The City of Aberdeen has not received the stated earnest money of \$10,000 and has not received the stated balance of the \$80,000 which was to be paid within 60 business days of the execution of the contract on September 15, 2020. Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC has not commenced repairs of the subject property and has not commenced the purchase and installation of equipment at the subject property. Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC has not employed any persons in the facility's operations. The City of Aberdeen did not have lawful authority to equally share any and all oil, gas and other minerals in, on, under and upon the subject property with Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC. The City of Aberdeen did not have lawful authority to waive ad valorem taxes from Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC for a 15 year period. The City of Aberdeen did not have lawful authority to charge utilities to Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC "at cost" for 15 years. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay Aberdeen School Resource Officers Lee Johnson and Christopher Dobbins a rate of pay of \$17.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


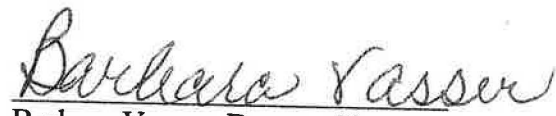
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A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize City Attorney Faulks to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: MML Mid-Winter Conference – City Attorney Seminar, Jackson, MS / January 11-12, 2021. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth was not present and did not vote on this matter.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to adjourn until the December 7, 2021 Board Meeting. Alderwoman Garth was not present and did not vote on this matter. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

  
Charles Scott, Mayor

Attest:

  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk  
Barbara Vasser, Deputy City Clerk