

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

**November 7, 2023
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 NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN CAIN, MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK AND WALTER H. ZINN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY.

Invocation: Alderman Nicholas Holliday

ROLL CALL

Present on the telephone: Mayor Charles Scott and Alderman Edward Haynes

A motion was made by Alderman Cain seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the Agenda. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Cain voted “Nay”. Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated October 17, 2023 with the corrections of the Public Hearings date and time change from November 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM to November 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Cain to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated October 7, 2023. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve to post and advertise three weeks for a Board Member for the Historic Preservation Committee. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISTRICTS FOR CITY OF ABERDEEN, MISSISSIPPI, NOVEMBER 7, 2023. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Devonshae Young and Janel Davidson to attend the Mississippi Municipal Clerk Winter Conference, Flowood, MS December 13-15, 2023. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderwoman Odom voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve the Certified Municipal Clerks program Graduation fee for Melissa Moore in the amount of \$150.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderwoman Odom voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the termination of City employee Terrell Johnson. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

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A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the termination of City employee Johnny McMillian. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve to post and advertise for a fireman. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to Table the hiring of TKO Staffing Employees (Mark Walker, Marcus Garth, Antonio Walker and Earvin Thompson) to the City of Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to Table the hiring of TKO Staffing Employee (Lamardezz Ward) to the City of Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to hire TKO Staffing Employee Undrea Hogan as a Laborer at the Water Department for the City of Aberdeen at a rate of pay of \$12.00/hr. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to table the Chemical Spill Response Training, Pearl, MS / November 9, 2023 for Richard Boone, Fernando Davis, Marcus Collins and Fred Hodges. The fee is \$135.00 per person. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderman Haynes voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve a quote from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Incorporated, Tupelo, MS. in the amount of \$9,700.00 for a 8” Valve Insertion emergency repair for the Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve to post and advertise for the Water Department to flush the entire Water System on December 11-15, 2023. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

Mayor Report: Mayor Scott asked Ms. Tina Robbins to provide the Board with updates and events going on in the City of Aberdeen. Ms. Robbins stated the Christmas Open House was a success. Ms. Robbins reminded everyone to register for the Christmas Parade.

Upcoming events in November:

1. Paw Patrol : The Mighty Movie – Elkin Theatre
2. Veteran’s Day Breakfast
3. MOV Community Thanksgiving
4. Maier’s Jewelry Show
5. Turkey Stroll Scavenger Hunt
6. Christmas Market Tree Lighting

Upcoming events in December:

1. Christmas Parade
2. Holiday Home Tour
3. Jungle & Mingle / Shopping
4. Memory Lane
5. It’s a Wonderful Life
6. Polar Express

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Mayor Scott invited Ms. Kathy Seymour to the Board Meeting to share information about Baptistville. Ms. Seymour shared with the Board that Baptistville was added to the National Registry. Ms. Seymour stated that she's working on two grants, and if approved they will help remodel the Aberdeen High Street Community Center and the Library.

Mayor Scott invited Mr. Marcus Collins to the Board Meeting to share information regarding the flushing of the fire hydrants and pipes within the City of Aberdeen. Mr. Collins stated that a City Wide Water Flushing will take place in Aberdeen on the second week of December. Those dates are December 11-16, 2023.

Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:

Alderman Holliday: Alderman Holliday asked about the walls being painted blue at the Aberdeen High Street Community Center. Mayor Scott stated that Aberdeen Park & Recreation Director Fernando Davis chose this color. Mr. Davis is doing several things at the Community Center to enhance the look. Alderman Holliday stated Barry McMillian has an issue to discuss in Closed Determination.

Alderwoman Garth: Alderwoman Garth thanked Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom, Alderman Cain, and Mayor Scott for checking on her husband (Mr. Garth, Sr.) when he was in the hospital. Alderwoman Garth asked about the vandalizing of the High Street Community Center, and asked that Chief Shumpert investigate this matter of concern and the safety of the senior citizens in this neighborhood. Alderwoman Garth addressed her concern regarding the Memphis Bank Food Truck.

Alderman Haynes: Alderman Haynes asked about the handicap walkway on the corner of Jefferson and Franklin Street. Alderman Haynes stated that overtime is still on the rise and department heads need to take notice and get it reduced. Alderman Haynes stated potholes are being addressed in Ward Three, and asked that it continues in a positive direction, and there's a pothole on West Vine Street by Walgreens that needs attention. Alderman Haynes wanted City Attorney Zinn, Jr. to provide an update on the medical marijuana cards that city employees have and the failed drug test.

Alderwoman Odom: Alderwoman Odom didn't have anything to report at this time.

Alderman Cain: Alderman Cain stated that Main Street Director Ann Tackett mentioned to him about the campers, canopies, fountain and railings on Main Street. Alderman Cain stated the owners of the campers need to be contacted and removed from Main Street. Alderman Cain inquired about the sewage in the lake beside Public Works Building, and the Baptistville Project.

Citizen's Input:

City Employee Earvin Thompson asked about the \$1.00 raise Mr. Boone stated he was going to give him after being hired in with the City. Mr. Thompson inquired about the flooding on the corner of James and Canal Street when it rains.

General Manager of Public Utilities LaMarcus Thompson shared with the Board the policy as it relates to citizens hanging signs, flags, etc., on City of Aberdeen poles.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues concerning City employees Barry McMillian regarding a Water Training Class, LaMarcus Thompson hiring for Public Utilities, TKO Staffing employees (Antonio Walker, Earvin Thompson, Marcus Garth, Mark Walker and Lamardezz Ward) being hired as City employees for the Street Department, and litigations update provided by City Attorney Zinn, Jr.. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues concerning City employees Barry McMillian regarding a Water Training Class, LaMarcus Thompson hiring for Public Utilities, TKO Staffing employees (Antonio Walker, Earvin Thompson, Marcus Garth, Mark Walker and Lamardezz Ward) being hired as City employees for the Street Department, and litigations update provided by City Attorney Zinn, Jr..

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

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve hiring of Marcus Garth as a Laborer for Public Works at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve hiring of Antonio Walker as a Laborer for Public Works at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Hayes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday voted Recuse.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve hiring of Marcus Walker as a Laborer for Public Works at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve hiring of Lamardezz Ward upon completion of his 520 hours with TKO Staffing as a Laborer for Public Works at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the \$1.00 raise for City employee Michael Pickle for completion of training and being promoted to Lead Lineman. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve hiring of Jake Winter as a part-time maintenance for Aberdeen Electric Department at a rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve position change for City employee Marcus Collins to Interim Department Head of the Water Department and all duties that comes with the position. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the invoice from Tri-State Chlorination, Brandon, MS in the amount of \$10,151.50 for the semi-annual supplies (Chlorine / Sulfur Dioxide) for the Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth , seconded by Alderman Holliday to adjourn until the November 21, 2023 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".



Charles Scott, Mayor

Attest:



Melissa Moore, City Clerk