

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

**April 2, 2024  
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, CITY CLERK MELISSA MOORE, AND CITY ATTORNEY WALTER H. ZINN, JR.**

**Invocation:** Ms. Melissa Moore

**Not present for Roll Call:** Alderman Holliday

**Not present for meeting:** Alderwoman Lady B. Garth

**ROLL CALL**

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, no second was given to approve the Agenda and strike line items #7, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, and #15. Motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the Agenda in its form, and discuss each individual line item. On a roll call vote, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye". Alderman Cain voted "Nay". Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth weren't present to vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated March 19, 2024. On a roll call vote, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth weren't present to vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 2, 2024. On a roll call vote, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday and Alderwoman Garth weren't present to vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve for Christie Hilt, owner of GIT Nutrition to relocate from 114 East Commerce Street, Aberdeen, MS 39730 to 201 East Commerce Street, Aberdeen, MS., and all repairs done to the building and money spent will go towards Ms. Hilt's rent pending City Attorney Zinn decision. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for City Judge Adrian Haynes to attend the 2024 Mississippi Municipal Court Judges Seminar, Biloxi, MS / May 29-31, 2024 / Hotel: \$109.99/nightly. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the adjusted Plant Application **FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION** to Westlake Chemicals & Vinyl, LLC for AD VALOREM TAXES in the amount of \$9,608,966.00 for a period of 10 years beginning January 1, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve employee enhancement and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Norris James to attend the 2024 Building Officials Association of Mississippi, Gulfport, MS / June 10-14, 2024/ Fee: \$250.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve employee enhancement and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Christopher Dobbins, Lee Johnson and Santana Scales to attend the 2024 MASRO Training Conference, Biloxi, MS / July 7-12, 2024 / Fee: \$415.00 per person. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) Code and Commentary 2018 Edition and the \$75.00 Membership Type. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve employee enhancement and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Roy Haynes to attend the 2024 Building Officials Association of Mississippi, Gulfport, MS / June 10-14, 2024/ Fee: \$250.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye". Alderman Cain voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve employee enhancement and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Roy Haynes to attend the 2024 Mississippi Association of Code Enforcement (MACE) Educational Training, Biloxi, MS / August 14-16, 2024/ Fee: \$250.00, and the membership fee: \$125.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye". Alderman Cain voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve employee enhancement and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Roy Haynes to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mississippi Chapter Meeting, Oxford, MS / May 2, 2024 / Fee: \$75.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Haynes and Alderwoman Odom voted "Aye". Alderman Cain voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to TABLE the advertisement for a Certified Water Department Superintendent. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to TABLE the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Renewvia Energy Corporation. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Holliday to TABLE to approve the Allocations of 5.22 for Rental to Solar Project. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Malik Holliday as the full-time Assistant Mechanic Position at Public Works at a rate of pay of \$16.00 per hour through TKO Staffing. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Xavier Burnett as a full-time Laborer for Public Works at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour through TKO Staffing. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Haynes to approve Brown & Son Heat & Air, Amory, MS 38821 to install a Rheem 5- Ton Heat Pump Split System at City Hall on the second floor in the amount of \$7,523.84 minus the sales tax. No vote was done. Alderman Cain withdrew his Motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve Evans Plumbing and A/C, Hamilton, MS to install a 5-Ton 15.2 Seer II Trane Split Heat Pump System that includes Labor and Materials in the amount of \$7,555.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain giving City Attorney Zinn, Jr. permission to answer to the Mississippi Worker's Compensation Commission Petitions for Elliott Johnson, Barry McMillian, Victoria Loggan and Terry Cunningham. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Scott invited Ms. Christie Hilt, owner of GIT Nutrition, 114 East Commerce Street, Aberdeen, MS 39730. Ms. Hilt shared with the Board that he was given a letter from the owner of the building to vacate the building on May 1, 2024 instead of May 31, 2024. Mayor Scott and the Board of Alderpersons shared with Ms. Hilt the City don't want to lose her business downtown, and will allow her business to relocate in the old Cooperwood Building on the corner of Main and Maple Street.

Mayor Scott shared with the Board the following event: "Light Up the Night" / April 4, 2024 @ 6:30 PM / Meridian Street. The Community Children's Choir will be a part of this event.

Mayor Scott shared with the Board the repairs of the Aberdeen Port Wall is about a week out in getting the design completed, and numbers are being put together on what needs to happen. Mayor Scott stated the engineer is in the process of getting the supplies together to do the infrastructure work on Short Street.

### **Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:**

**Alderman Holliday:** Alderman Holliday stated there's a long, hard fight in getting the City of Aberdeen back on one accord, and until the Board have proper discussions, unity and understanding as to where this Board is headed for the City, several hours will be spent at the Board Meetings. The Board must have an understanding and communicate one with another so we can move this City forward with businesses, infrastructure, and complete all projects. Alderman Holliday stated he hope and pray that the next administration have a change of heart and mind so we can move the City in a better direction.

**Alderwoman Garth:** Alderwoman Garth not present for the Board Meeting.

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**Alderman Haynes:** Alderman Haynes stated at the last Board Meeting there was a discussion about the Assistant Mechanic position, and if anything has been done with it. Mayor Scott stated that Malik Holliday was moved into that position. Alderman Haynes asked, If Mr. Holliday has been vetted with TKO Staffing or full-time with the City of Aberdeen? Mayor Scott replied, He was vetted with TKO, and still has hours to work with TKO Staffing. Alderman Haynes stated the City employees have been doing a good job, and he received nothing but good reports on all departments. Alderman Haynes thanked the City of Aberdeen for their good works during his tenure as Ward Three Alderman, and asked that they continue to strive in getting better and working together with the Board for the City of Aberdeen. Alderman Haynes asked that everyone please love, care and look out for one another.

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

**Alderman Cain:** Alderman Cain shared with the Board that it has been eight months and two days since the Board approved a plan by Three Rivers Development for Redistricting. Alderman Cain stated he has been on the telephone with residents of Ward Four and Ward Five, and he talked with the Secretary of State Office and was told to call the District Attorney Office. Alderman Cain stated the Board voted on August 1, 2023. Alderman Cain stated he called Three Rivers today and talked with Crissy Bland, and asked her what else did the City of Aberdeen have to do once the vote has been cast? Alderman Cain stated that Crissy told him that she called Ms. Moore for a copy of the Board Meeting Minutes, and Three Rivers was done after that. Alderman Cain stated that the City of Aberdeen isn't having a fair election, and we have disgruntled and disenfranchise voters.

Mayor Scott shared with the Board that the Secretary of State Office had a representative from their office in the City of Aberdeen today, and he visited every Precinct.

### **Citizen Input (2 minutes)**

Mr. Bobby Butler and Mrs. Mary Ann Butler expressing their concerns about being shown in the Poll Book in Ward Five, but they should be voting in Ward Four. Mr. and Mrs. Butler voted on the Electronic Poll Book in Ward Five and then went to Ward Four Precinct and voted an Affidavit. Mr. and Mrs. Butler voted twice in the City of Aberdeen Democratic Primary Election on April 2, 2024.

Mr. Christopher Ewing expressed his feelings about Board Meetings, and he may never attend another one.

Alderman Cain asked Mayor Scott, "What is the City doing about the UDAG Loans?" Attorney Zinn, Jr. stated each account is being looked at and the borrower of the loan is being contacted. Alderman Cain asked Attorney Zinn, Jr. to pursue each UDAG Account diligently.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to adjourn until the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

Attest:

  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk



Charles Scott, Mayor