



## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM**

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### **Minutes**

This notice and agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

#### **1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call**

The Mayor called the June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. The Mayor presented the Notice of Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi acknowledged by all Aldermen. (Exhibit "A").

Board Members Present: Mayor Walter C. Morrison, Alderman John Taylor, Alderwoman Miya Warfield Bates (via telephone), Alderman Wesley Slay, Alderman Jayce Powell, and Alderwoman Lisa Williams.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Deputy City Clerk Chasity Pickett, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Planning and Zoning Director William Hall (via telephone), Chief of Police Barry Hale, Grant Administrator Ruth Stogner, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

#### **2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

*Pastor Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.*

*Alderman Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

No action taken.

#### **3. Presented Items**

*The Mayor revised the regular agenda to take up item 3-C first.*

##### **A) Introduction and Oath of Office, Police Dispatcher Tameshia Cooper (New Hire)**

*The Police Chief announced the hiring of Police Dispatcher, Tameshia Cooper, and introduced her to the Mayor and Board.*

*The Mayor congratulated Ms. Cooper on her hire to the Police Department and welcomed her to the city. The Mayor then administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Cooper.*

No action taken.

**B) Introduction and Oath of Office, Part Time Police Officer Dee McClendon (New Hire)**

*The Police Chief announced the hiring of Part Time Police Officer, Dee McClendon, and introduced him to the Mayor and Board.*

*The Mayor congratulated Mr. McLendon on his hire to the Police Department and welcomed him to the city. The Mayor then administered the Oath of Office to Mr. McLendon.*

No action taken.

**C) Consideration of Resolutions, Recognizing Alderman Wesley Slay and Alderwoman Lisa Williams for Public Service to Gluckstadt (Mayor Morrison)**

*Mayor Morrison recognized Alderwoman Lisa Williams and Alderman Wesley Slay with framed resolutions and name plates for their service to Gluckstadt during incorporation process and during their term of office over the last four years. The Mayor thanked them for their lasting impact on the City of Gluckstadt and wished them the best in their future endeavors.*

*City Clerk Lindsay Kellum read a farewell letter to Alderwoman Williams and Alderman Slay on behalf of all city staff.*

The Mayor then asked for a motion to adopt the resolution recognizing Alderman Wesley Slay and Alderwoman Lisa Williams for their outstanding public service to the City of Gluckstadt (Exhibit "B"). Alderman Powell made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**D) Consideration of Adoption of Resolution, Designating June 21st as Go Skateboarding Day (Alderman Powell)**

*Alderman Powell addressed the board and requested the adoption of a resolution promoting Go Skateboarding Day as June 21<sup>st</sup> in the City of Gluckstadt. He spoke of the importance of skateboarding as a sport to individuals of all ages and the overall health benefits of skateboarding.*

The Mayor then asked for a motion to adopt the resolution recognizing Go Skateboarding Day as June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, in the City of Gluckstadt (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Powell made a motion to adopt the resolution, and Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **E) July 4th Special Event, Gluckstadt Rotary Club**

Ms. Rachel Houserin, a representative of the Gluckstadt Rotary Club, promoted the organization's 1st Annual July 4th Fourth Fest to be held on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

No action taken.

#### **4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

##### **A) Approval of Claims Docket**

##### **B) Approval of May 6, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes**

##### **C) Approval of May 27, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes**

##### **D) Request for Approval for Officer Felix Norwood to Attend the Fentanyl Opioid Overdose Death Murder Investigations (MLEOTA)**

##### **E) Requesting approval to remove a 2022 Dodge Durango (total loss) from fixed assets.**

##### **F) Approval of Engagement Letter, Bridgers, and Goodman (FY25 Audit)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Exhibit "D"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **5. Monthly Budget Report**

##### **A) Monthly Budget Reports**

*The Mayor presented the monthly budget reports. (Exhibit "E")*

No action taken.

##### **B) Monthly Bank Reconciliations**

*The Mayor presented the monthly bank reconciliations. (Exhibit "F")*

No action taken.

#### **6. Grant Administrator, Grant Status Updates (Ruth Marie Stogner)**

##### **A) Current Grant Projects**

*The Grant Administrator updated the board on the status of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2022.*

No action taken.

## **B) Upcoming Grant Projects**

*The Grant Administrator updated the board on upcoming grant opportunities for the city.*

No action taken.

## **C) Mayoral Health Council**

*Dr. Shelia Spann updated the Mayor and Board on the progress and planning of the city's first health fair to be held July 10, 2025, at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall.*

No action taken.

## **7. City Clerk, City Administration Matters (Lindsay Kellum)**

### **A) General Update, City Administration (City Clerk)**

*The City Clerk updated the board on city administration matters. (Exhibit "G").*

No action taken.

### **B) Monthly Privilege License Update (Assistant City Clerk)**

*The Assistant City Clerk updated the board with the monthly privilege license report. (Exhibit "H").*

No action taken.

*Alderwoman Williams requested an update on the status of outstanding delinquent Privilege Licenses; she then asked what the solutions were to decrease the list of those outstanding, and the solutions were found to be assigning to code enforcement or filing lawsuits on non-compliant businesses, which is at the discretion of the City Clerk, statutorily.*

No action taken.

### **C) Post Election Update & Transition of Board**

*The City Clerk updated the board on election results and the plans for the transition of the new board members to be sworn in on July 1, 2025.*

No action taken.

### **D) Discussion of Pest Control Quotes, City Hall, Lone Wolf, and Police Department Buildings (Sprayed Quarterly)**

*The Mayor and Board discussed cancelling the city's pest control contract with Terminix and switching to Dependable Pest Control, a local company.*

The Mayor requested a motion to cancel the city's current pest control contract with Terminix. Alderwoman Williams made a motion to cancel the city's contract with Terminix, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor then requested a motion to approve a new pest control contract for the city with Dependable Pest Control (Exhibit "I"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve a new pest control contract for the city with Dependable Pest Control, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **8. Building Official, Planning and Zoning Matters (William Hall)**

### **A) General Update, Planning and Zoning Building Department**

*The Planning and Zoning Director updated the board on matters related to Planning and Zoning.*

No action taken.

### **B) Discussion and Consideration of Gluckstadt Office Park Building C Site Plan**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for Gluckstadt Office Park Building C (Exhibit "J"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the site plan for Gluckstadt Office Park Building C, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **C) Discussion and Consideration of Citizens National Bank Site Plan**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for Citizens National Bank (Exhibit "K"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the site plan for Citizens National Bank, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **D) Discussion and Consideration of GGL Business Park Preliminary Plat**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the GGL Business Park Preliminary Plat (Exhibit "L"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the GGL Business Park Preliminary Plat, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **E) Discussion and Consideration of GGL Business Park Final Plat**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the GGL Business Park Final Plat (Exhibit "M"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the GGL Business Park Final Plat, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **F) Discussion and Consideration of 1265 Gluckstadt Road Site Plan**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the site plan for 1265 Gluckstadt Road (Exhibit "N"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve the site plan for 1265 Gluckstadt Road, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **G) Discussion of Request to Rescind Motion to Approve Rezoning, Bellamare Development on May 6 (City Attorney)**

*Mr. Andy Clark addressed the board on behalf of Bellamare Development.*

*Mr. Clark explained that financing fell through on the planned development and Special Use is no longer needed since he will not be developing property as intended, and his client is requesting to the board to rescind the former approval from the May meeting; he further explained that the record property holder would be in a better position to market and sell the property with a C-2 designation vs. a SU-1 designation, therefore they are requesting the board rescind the former vote on this matter..*

*The Mayor then went on record to explain the process to Mr. Clark and his client, and the problematic position this request puts the board in.*

*–The Mayor explained that the property was properly rezoned at the May meeting, finding in the record that there was a change in character of the neighborhood and that there is a public need to rezone the property; and now Mr. Clark and his client are asking the board to reverse themselves legally and amend their initial findings.*

*Mayor Morrison asked the City Attorney, Zac Giddy, to weigh in.*

*Mr. Giddy explained that initially the findings were that there was a change in character of the neighborhood and there was a public need to rezone it to SU-1; now it is up to the board to return it to C-2. He further explained that Special Use doesn't fit neatly in any other zoning district in the*

*ordinance, as this type of rezoning favored Mr. Clark's client in this specific situation; any representations made previously by Mr. Clark and his client when they initially asked for the SU-1 designation are longer in applicable; in his opinion, the board would not be backing off any of the reasons of rezone, but taking notice that the conditions the were present justifying the rezoning have changed given the unique circumstances of this petitioner; the ordinance rezoning the subject property has not published and has not taken effect at this time, so the board could rescind the ordinance. In this unique situation, the board would not be acting adversely to state law on rezoning real property.*

The Mayor then requested a motion to rescind the previous vote of the board at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting rezoning the subject property at the request of the petitioner, Bellamare Development from C-2 to SU-1. Alderman Slay made a motion to rescind the vote and return the property to a C-2 designation, finding the contingencies of the property promised by the petitioner will not be met and the conditions are no longer in effect, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **9. Public Works Department (Chris Buckner)**

### **A) Request for Approval, Permission to Advertise and Sign Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract for Calhoun Station Parkway.**

The Mayor requested a motion to advertise for a bid related to the Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract for Calhoun Station Parkway. Alderman Powell made a motion to advertise for a bid related to the Construction Engineering and Inspection for Calhoun Station Parkway, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve a Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract for Calhoun Station Parkway and authorize him to sign the contract (Exhibit "O"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to enter a contract for Construction Engineering and Inspection for Calhoun Station Parkway and allow the Mayor to sign the contract, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **B) Requesting Approval, Gluckstadt Road Median Removal Contract**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve Gluckstadt Road Median Removal Contract (Exhibit "P"). Alderman Slay made a motion to approve Gluckstadt Road Median Removal Contract, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **10. Police Chief, Police Department Matters (Chief Barry Hale)**

### **A) General Update, Police Department**

*The Chief of Police updated the board on law enforcement matters.*

No action taken.

### **B) Request for Approval to Purchase a 2025 Ford F-150 4x4 Super Crew for Sergeant Brian McCarty**

The Mayor requested this item be tabled until the next meeting of the board, to get quotes for a 2x2 and not a 4x4 vehicle; he directed the Police Chief to gather additional quotes and bring them back to the board at the next meeting.

No action taken.

## **11. Public Comment**

*No members of the public signed up to address the board.*

No action taken.

## **12. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session**

The Board considered entering closed session to determine whether to go into executive session. The Mayor requested a motion. Alderman Powell made a motion to enter closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderman Slay made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a promotion of one individual in the Public Works Department and to provide an update on the acquisition of real property, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

*The Board entered executive session. A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board had entered executive session to discuss the promotion of one individual in the Public Works Department and to discuss an update on the acquisition real property..*

### **A) Request to Promote Willie Pickett from Interim to Permanent Crew Leader, Public Works Department**



The Mayor requested a motion to promote Mr. Willie Pickett from within the Public Works Department to the position of Permanent Crew Leader for the Department, effective June 11, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System. A motion was made by Alderman Powell to promote Mr. Willie Pickett to the position of Permanent Crew Leader for the Public Works Department, effective June 11, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$20.00, plus employment benefits such as Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System, and it was seconded by Alderman Slay.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **B) Update on the Acquisition of Real Property**

*The Public Works Director gave the Mayor and Board an update on the property that will be used for the city's first park.*

No action taken.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to leave executive session. Alderman Slay made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

*After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously. The Mayor and Board then exited executive session and re-entered open session.*

*A public announcement was made by the City Clerk that the Board promoted one individual in the Public Works Department from an Interim to a Permanent Crew Leader position, and the board discussed the property for the city's first park.*

### **13. Adjourn**

Alderman Slay made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderman Powell, Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Williams, Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Slay

The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:

Lindsay Kellum

7/8/25

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