



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLUCKSTADT, MISSISSIPPI

Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 12:00 PM

FY26: BUDGET WORKSHOP #3

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting: FY26 Budget Workshop #3 is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 12:00 PM in the Board Room at City Hall, located at 343 Distribution Drive, Gluckstadt, MS 39110.

The business to be brought before the meeting shall be limited to the following:

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The Mayor called the August 6, 2025, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order (Budget Workshop #3). The Mayor presented the Notice of Special Called 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, Alderman Chip Williams, Alderman Jayce Powell and Alderwoman Jessie Campbell.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum (via telephone), Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Court Clerk Stephanie Burton, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Slaven, Grant Administrator Ruth Stogner, Financial Planner Tim Youngblood, and City Attorney Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

3. New Business

A) Discussion of the FY26 Tax Levy:

The Mayor opened discussion regarding the Tax Levy for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board discussed the millage rate and whether there is a need to increase the millage rate. After discussion, Alderman Taylor made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to publish notice of a public hearing for an increase in the City's millage rate to 18 mills. Alderwoman Campbell seconded the motion.

Voting Yea: Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell, and Alderman Williams

Voting Nay: Alderman Powell and Alderwoman Bates

The Mayor declared the motion carried, 3-2.

B) Discussion FY26 Preliminary Budget

City Park:

The Mayor and Board discussed the proposed plans for the new park. The Public Works Director, Chris Buckner advised the Mayor and Board regarding the proposed plans for the park.

No action taken.

FY26 Prospective Grants:

The Mayor and Board discussed the impact of the current and expected grants on the budget. Ruth Stogner and Tim Youngblood discussed the current and expected grants with the Mayor and Board.

No action taken.

4. Public Comment

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

No action taken.

5. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

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

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderman Powell made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters and the job performance of two individuals in the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments, one individual in the Grant Administration Department, and one member of the Municipal Court Department, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates. 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 Attorney that the Board had entered executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the job performance of two individuals in the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments, one individual in the Grant Administration Department, and one member of the Municipal Court Department.

A) Personnel Matters: Planning and Zoning / Building Department

The Mayor and Board next discussed the job performance of both William Hall and Curtis Jones. After discussion, Alderman Powell made a motion to terminate the employment of William Hall and Curtis Jones effective immediately, and to hire Mike McCollum as interim Building Official / Planning and Zoning Administrator at a rate of \$50.00 an hour with no employment benefits such as health insurance or retirement contributions. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B) Request to Advertise for Open Positions in the Planning and Zoning / Building Department

Alderman Taylor then made a motion to authorize the City Clerk's Office to advertise for the job of Building Official / Planning and Zoning Administrator and begin the hiring process. Alderwoman Campbell seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

B) Personnel Matter: Grant Administration Department & Absorption of Position Duties into the City Clerk's Office

The Mayor and Board next discussed the job performance of Ruthmarie Stogner. After discussion, Alderman Taylor made a motion to terminate the employment of Ruthmarie Stogner effective immediately. Alderman Williams seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Taylor then made a motion to have the City Clerk's Office absorb the position and delegate shared grant writing and administration duties to Lindsay Kellum and Scott Maugh for an interim period of six (6) months with an increase in compensation to each of their salaries by \$10,000 during the interim period. Alderman Williams seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

C) Personnel Matter: Municipal Court Department

The Mayor and Board next discussed the statutory appointment of the Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term. After discussion, Alderman Powell made a motion to appoint Marsha Weems Stacey as Municipal Court Judge, effective immediately, at \$1200 monthly not to include benefits such as health insurance or retirement contributions (contractual). Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Williams then made a motion to leave executive session and re-enter open session. Alderwoman Campbell seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

A public announcement was made by the City Attorney that during executive session the Board took action regarding personnel issues regarding employees within the Planning and Zoning and Building Departments, Grant Administration Department and City Clerk's Office, and Municipal Court Department, but due to confidentiality reasons the exact nature of the actions will be disclosed in the approved minutes.

6. Adjourn

Alderman Powell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.



WALTER C. MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DATE:



LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

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