



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

FY26 TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, September 08, 2025, at 5:30 PM

Minutes

This notice and agenda of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby given by the undersigned. Said meeting shall be held on Monday, September 08, 2025, at 5:30 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 September 8, 2025, Special Called Meeting (FY26 Tax Levy Public Hearing) of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. 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, Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Deputy City Clerk Chasity Pickett, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Chief of Police Barry Hale, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, City Planner Tim Youngblood, and City Attorneys John Scanlon, and Zachary Giddy.

2. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Janet Brooks opened the meeting with prayer.

Alderman Powell led the pledge of allegiance.

No action taken.

3. New Business

A) Public Hearing: FY26 Municipal Tax Levy & Budget Adoption

Next came the matter of a public hearing regarding the proposed FYE2026 tax millage levy and proposed municipal budget.

Mayor Morrison confirmed with the City Clerk that proper and timely notice was advertised according to state statute. The City Clerk provided proof of publication of the notice as an exhibit to the record. (Exhibit "B").

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if there were any citizens that signed up on the sign-in sheet to address the board on this matter, whether in support or opposition of adoption. The Mayor also noted that copies of the proposed budget were made available to the public for review at City Hall, and at Gluckstadt Fire Departments, as well as on the City's public website, prior to the hearing. (Exhibit "C").

The Mayor provided an overview of the City's budget position and possible forecast under two (2) alternate millage rates, 12 mills and 18 mills. The Mayor then opened the floor for public comment.

The City Clerk reviewed the sign-up sheet and confirmed there were citizens signed up to address the board concerning the FY26 tax millage levy. (Exhibit "D"). The Mayor opened the floor for public comment, and the following residents addressed the board regarding the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Samuel Stonestreet, a resident of Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Shawn Dobbs, a business owner in Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Gerald Moore, a business owner in Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Scott Hammock, a business owner in Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Alvino Castillo, a resident of Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

Jason McCuin, a resident of Gluckstadt, spoke in opposition to the FYE26 tax millage levy.

After inviting any additional speakers, the Mayor then declared the public hearing closed.

No action taken.

B) Consideration of Adoption, FY26 Tax Levy Resolution

The Mayor then opened the floor for discussion by the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Powell began the discussion, addressing the proposed tax rate and expressing his opposition to any increase. He expressed his preference for attracting new businesses at a lower tax rate to benefit developers. Alderwoman Bates then addressed the Board, noting the fire district millage and its impact on the levy. Alderwoman Campbell acknowledged both resident and small-business perspectives, mentioning that projects important to the City such as the park and road infrastructure would be phased out.

The Mayor then called for motions on the FY26 tax levy.

Alderman Powell made a motion to adopt the FY26 tax levy at 12 mills, and it was seconded by Alderman Williams.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Powell, Alderman Williams

Voting Nay: Alderman Taylor, Alderwoman Campbell

The Mayor declared the motion carried 3-2.

Alderman Taylor made a substitute motion to adopt the FY26 tax levy at 18 mills. Motion failed for lack of second.

Alderwoman Campbell made a substitute motion to adopt the FY26 tax levy at 14 mills, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

Voting Yea: Alderwoman Campbell, Alderman Taylor

Voting Nay: Alderwoman Bates, Alderman Powell, Alderman Williams

The Mayor declared the motion failed 3-2.

The Mayor then declared the board adopted the FY26 tax levy at 12 mills.

3. Public Comment

No additional members of the public signed up to address the board outside of the public hearing.

No action taken.

4. Closed Session to Determine Need for Executive Session

5. Adjourn

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

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:

DATE:

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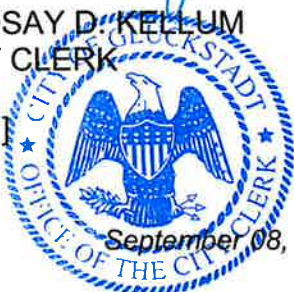
Lindsay Kellum

Walter Morrison

LINDSAY D. KELLUM
CITY CLERK

WALTER C MORRISON, IV
MAYOR

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