



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

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 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, February 10, 2026, 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 February 10, 2026, 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, Alderman Chip Williams, Alderman Jayce Powell, and Alderwoman Jessie Campbell.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lindsay Kellum (via telephone), Assistant City Clerk Scott Maugh, Deputy City Clerk Chasity Pickett, Public Works Director Chris Buckner, Planning and Zoning Director Caine Dearman, Interim Planning and Zoning Director Mike McCollum, Building Official Christian Hall, Police Chief Barry Hale, Assistant Chief of Police Jeremy Slaven, Executive Assistant Janet Brooks, and City Attorneys John Scanlon and 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**

##### **Recognition of Sarah Butler, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge**

At the request of the Mayor, the agenda was amended to allow Ms. Sarah Butler, candidate for Circuit Court Judge for Madison and Rankin Counties, to address the Board. Ms. Butler introduced herself and provided a brief overview of her professional background and candidacy.

No action was taken.

**A) Introduction and Oath of Office, Police Officer Charles Smith Jr. (New Hire)**

The Mayor introduced newly hired Police Officer Charles Smith, Jr. and administered the oath of office. Officer Smith was welcomed to the Gluckstadt Police Department and city staff.

No action was taken.

**B) Introduction and Oath of Office, Dispatcher Ca'Niyla Banks (New Hire)**

The Mayor introduced newly hired Public Safety Dispatcher Ca'Niyla Banks and administered the oath of office. Dispatcher Banks was welcomed to the Gluckstadt Police Department staff.

No action was taken.

**C) Introduction and Oath of Office, Dispatcher Dustin Jones (New Hire)**

The Mayor introduced newly hired Public Safety Dispatcher Dustin Jones and administered the oath of office. Dispatcher Jones was welcomed to the Gluckstadt Police Department staff.

No action was taken.

**D) Consideration of Approval of Resolution Declaring February 16-20th Firefighter Appreciation Week (Alderman Powell)**

Alderman Powell presented a resolution declaring February 16–20, 2026, as Firefighter Appreciation Week in the City of Gluckstadt. The resolution recognized the dedication, service, and sacrifices of firefighters who protect life and property, and acknowledged the South Madison County Fire Protection District's contributions to serving the community.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the resolution declaring February 16-20, 2026, as Firefighter Appreciation Week (Exhibit "B"). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the resolution declaring February 16-20, 2026, as Firefighter Appreciation Week, 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.

**E) Notification of Canned Soup Drive, Gluckstadt March of the Mayors (Deadline 2/27)**

The Mayor notified the Board and public of the ongoing canned soup drive as part of the March of the Mayors program. Donations may be delivered to City Hall, and the collection period will continue through February 27.

No action was taken.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

**A) Request for Approval, Monthly Claims Docket**

**B) Request for Approval, January 13th Regular Meeting Minutes**

**C) Request for Approval, City Postage Account Replenishment (Memo)**

**D) Request for Approval of RJ Young Contracts (Lone Wolf and Municipal Court Copiers), Cannons - 36 Month Renewal**

**E) Notification of Special Circumstance, Purchasing (Municipal Court)**

**F) Request for Approval for Registration, Certified Municipal Clerk Spring Training (Ridgeland, 2/11-2/13), Chasity Pickett, Deputy City Clerk**

**G) Request for Approval of Registration and Travel Reimbursement, MMCCA Spring Conference (Starkville, 4/29-5/1), Kellum, Maugh, Pickett**

**H) Request Approval for Training and Travel Reimbursement for the 2026 MASRO Conference in Biloxi, MS, July 12-17, 2026 (Sloma).**

**I) Requesting Approval to Use The Southern Connection Police Supply to Outfit Two Ford Explorers with Emergency Equipment in the Amount \$23,945.42**

**J) Requesting Approval to Remove the Attached Body Worn Cameras from Fixed Assets**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the consent agenda (Exhibit "C"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **5. Monthly Budget Report**

### **A) Monthly Budget Report(s)**

*The Mayor presented the monthly budget report(s.) (Exhibit "D")*

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

### **C) Request for Approval to Amend FY26 Municipal Budget (Personnel, Grants, PD, PW)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve an amendment to the FY26 Municipal Budget to adjust personnel funding for recently hired staff, include new grant revenues for the Mayoral Health Council and the America250 documentary project, and add Madison County road funding for

street improvement projects previously approved by the Board (Exhibit “F”). Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve an amendment to the FY26 Municipal Budget, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **6. New Business**

### **A) Request for Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, Hunter Engineering Company (Freeport)**

The Board considered a request from Hunter Engineering Company for an ad valorem tax exemption for its Freeport Warehouse inventory. Discussion clarified that the application would apply to the upcoming tax year, not the previous year. The Mayor requested a motion to approve the ad valorem tax exemption for Hunter Engineering Company (Exhibit “G”).

Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the ad valorem tax exemption for Hunter Engineering for three (3) years. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Alderman Williams made a motion to grant a one-year ad valorem tax exemption for Hunter Engineering pending amendment of the application date, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **B) Discussion and Request for Approval of Germanfest 2026 Contract and Quotes (Alderman Powell)**

Alderman Powell presented contracts and quotes related to Germanfest 2026, scheduled for October 25, 2026. The contracts included services for advertising, sanitation, stage and sound production, entertainment, and attractions. Legal counsel advised that certain contract provisions be amended to comply with Mississippi law and noted that the advertising contract must include a finding that it promotes the city.

Board members discussed estimated costs, sponsorship opportunities, and remaining items such as tents, tables, chairs, and insurance that were not yet included in the presented quotes.

Following the discussion, the Mayor requested a motion to approve the presented contracts and quotes related to Germanfest 2026 (Exhibit “H”). Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the contracts and quotes with recommended amendments from legal making a finding that the event favorably promotes the City of Gluckstadt, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

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

Voting Nay: Alderwoman Campbell

The Mayor declared the motion carried 4:1

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

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

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

No action taken.

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

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

No action taken.

### **C) Monthly Grant Updates (City Clerk)**

*The City Clerk updated the board on general grant administration matters and the status of active grants (Exhibit "K").*

### **D) Request to Submit for 2026 Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Awards (Deadline, April)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the request to authorize submission of applications for the 2026 Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Awards (Exhibit "L"). Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the request to authorize submission of applications for the 2026 Mississippi Municipal League Excellence Awards, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

## **8. Building Official, Planning and Zoning Matters (Caine Dearman)**

### **A) Planning and Zoning Update**

*The Planning and Zoning Department Director addressed the board to provide a status update on planning and zoning matters.*

No action taken.

### **B) Designation of Certificate of Occupancy and Floodplain Manager Officials**

The Board considered a request to formally designate the Building Official as the authorized city official to issue Certificates of Occupancy, with the Planning and Zoning Director/Administrator authorized to issue Certificates of Occupancy in the absence of the Building Official.

The Mayor requested a motion to formally appoint the Building Official as the authorized city official to issue Certificates of Occupancy and serve as Floodplain Manager, with the Planning and Zoning Director as a replacement in the Building Official's absence (Exhibit "M"). Alderman

Powell made a motion to formally appoint the Building Official as the authorized city official to issue Certificates of Occupancy and serve as Floodplain Manager, with the Planning and Zoning Director as a replacement in the Building Official's absence, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **C) Discussion and Consideration of Hartley Site Plan for Approval**

The Board considered a request to amend the Hartley Equipment site plan located on Church Road. The amendment includes installing fencing along the front and west side of the west parcel and extending landscaping to match the existing landscaping at the front of the building. The area will be used for equipment overflow and a display area during events. The Planning and Zoning Department recommended approval.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the amendment to the Hartley Equipment site plan (Exhibit "N"). Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the amendment to the Hartley Equipment site plan, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **D) Architectural Review Consideration, Gluckstadt Management, LLC**

The Board considered a request regarding exterior work initiated by Gluckstadt Management, LLC at the property located at 110 Gluckstadt Road, which was undertaken without completing the required architectural review and permitting process. Work on the project was halted and reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee. Planning and Zoning recommended authorizing a limited permit to allow the owner to complete exterior brickwork and dry the structure to prevent further damage.

Following the discussion, the Mayor requested a motion to authorize the issuance of the limited permit under these conditions (Exhibit "O"). Alderman Taylor made a motion to authorize the issuance of the limited permit under these conditions, 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.

### **E) Consideration of Resolution to Set the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Regular Meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 3:00 pm at City Hall**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve a resolution to set the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) regular meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (Exhibit "P"). Alderwoman Campbell

made a motion to approve a resolution to set the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) regular meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

### **A) Request for Approval, City Limits Survey Contract**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve a contract with McMaster & Associates to conduct a survey of portions of the City's corporate limits (Exhibit "Q"). The survey will identify and mark the city limits along major roadways to ensure accurate placement of city limit signage and to clarify jurisdictional boundaries for roadway maintenance and future projects. Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve a contract with McMaster & Associates to conduct a survey of portions of the City's corporate limits, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **B) Request for Approval, Engineering Contract – City Park Project / MOSTF Grant**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve an engineering services contract with McMaster & Associates (Exhibit "R"). The firm will assist with implementing the park project, including site preparation, pond improvements, development of equipment pads and structures, and overall engineering guidance throughout the MOSTF grant process. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve an engineering services contract with McMaster & Associates, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **C) Request for Approval, Revised Plat for Kayo Place**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the revised plat for Kayo Place (Exhibit "S"). The revision divides Lot 3 of the previously approved plat into five separate lots, allowing each building and building owner within the development to have an individually designated lot. Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the revised plat for Kayo Place, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

*Item 10B added for discussion in open session instead of executive session, per legal.*

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

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

No action taken.

### **B) Request for Approval, Pay Increase for Police Department**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the proposed Police Department salary adjustments, including the 5% base salary increase for Chief Hale, effective March 13 (Exhibit "T"). The pay increase is an effort to remain competitive with surrounding municipalities in recruiting and retaining officers. Alderman Powell made a motion to approve the proposed Police Department salary adjustments, including the 5% base salary increase for Chief Hale, effective March 13, 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.

### **11. Public Comment**

No citizens signed up to the address board.

### **12. 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. A motion was made by Alderwoman Bates to enter closed session to determine the need for executive session, and it was seconded by Alderman Taylor. *After calling for and taking a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried unanimously.*

The Board then considered entering executive session. Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to enter executive session to discuss *personnel matters for Planning and Zoning, real estate, and litigation*. *The motion was seconded by Alderman Williams. A public announcement was made that the Board had voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters for Planning and Zoning, real estate, and litigation.*

#### **A) McCollum Amended Work Schedule (Job Performance, Notification)**

The Mayor requested a motion to approve the amended work schedule for Interim Planning and Zoning Director Mike McCollum. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to approve the amended work schedule for Interim Planning and Zoning Director Mike McCollum, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Campbell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **B) Request to Implement Pay Raise for Christian Hall (\$5000.00)**

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The Mayor requested a motion to approve a \$5,000 pay raise for Building Official Christian Hall for successfully completing required certifications within the six (6) month window. Alderman Taylor made a motion to approve a \$5,000 pay raise for Building Official Christian Hall for successfully completing required certifications within the six (6) month window, 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.

### **C) Real Estate Matters (Purchase of Property for City Hall Complex):**

The Mayor and Board discussed potential real estate options related to the property as a possible location for a future City Hall complex. During the discussion, the Mayor requested that staff conduct a cost analysis comparing the prospective facility to the City's current leased facilities. The analysis will include estimated insurance costs, utility comparisons, potential boardroom build-out, wiring and technology needs, and other associated expenses.

The Board agreed to table any decision on the matter until the next meeting to allow staff time to gather the requested information.

The Mayor and Board also discussed the confidential sale of another commercially owned property in the area, as well as the cost and considered that transaction as a point of comparison in evaluating the potential purchase of the prospective facility. No action was taken.

### **D) Discussion of the Madison County Road Money and Litigation**

The Mayor and Board discussed prospective litigation related to the City of Madison lawsuit and injunction affecting certain city road projects due to conflicts involving the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

Following discussion, the Mayor requested a motion authorizing the city's legal counsel to continue working on the matter and to file a notice of intent to sue if necessary. Alderman Taylor made the motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **E) Fireworks Ordinance**

The Mayor and Board discussed prospective litigation related to the fireworks ordinance adopted in January.

The Mayor then requested a motion to leave executive session. Alderwoman Bates made a motion to leave executive 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 attorney that the Board voted to approve an amended work schedule for an individual in Planning and Zoning and a pay raise for another individual in Planning and Zoning, as well as discussed real estate and litigation matters.*

### **Fireworks Ordinance Vote of January 13**

Upon returning to open session, the Mayor requested a motion to rescind the January 13 vote on the fireworks ordinance (Exhibit "U). Alderman Powell made a motion to rescind the previous vote, and the motion was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Williams

The Mayor declared the motion carried 4:1.

### **13. Additional Item**

#### **A) K9 Training for Officer Huff**

Chief Hale requested to add an item to the agenda regarding K9 training for Officer Huff, noting the request had been inadvertently omitted from the original agenda. The Mayor approved adding the item for consideration.

The Mayor requested a motion to approve K9 training for Officer Huff (Exhibit "V"). Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to approve K9 training for Officer Huff, and it was seconded by Alderman Powell.

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

### **14. Adjourn**

Alderwoman Campbell made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Alderwoman Bates.

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

The mayor declared the motion carried.

ATTEST:

DATE:

*Lindsay Kellum*

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LINDSAY D. KELLUM  
CITY CLERK

*Walter Morrison*

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WALTER C MORRISON, IV  
MAYOR

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