

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on May 7, 2024, at 5:00 P.M., this being the regular meeting time. Mayor Greg Graves called the meeting to order, and the following Aldermen were present: Simpson, Dear (via phone), Hale, Garrett, and Tankersley. Also present were: City Attorney Ginger Miller, City Clerk Katie Harbin, Deputy City Clerk Francis Johnson, Police Chief Chandler, Assistant Police Chief Warren, Fire Chief Freeman, Fire Inspector Brevin Holden, Assistant Public Works Director David Estep, Public Works Administration Director Karah Knight, Animal Shelter Director Kris Robinson, Community Development/Tourism Director Jamie Sowell, Parks and Recreation Director Rob Boyd, Archie Mote, Larry Young, Michael Cathey, and Greg Smith, Mendrop.

Alderman Hale gave the invocation.

Approve Agenda

City of Senatobia
Mayor and Board of Aldermen Agenda
 May 7, 2024
 City Hall 5pm

1. Call to Order, Prayer, Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Approve Agenda
4. Street Paving Project Update – Greg Smith, Mendrop
5. Request for Utility Bill Adjustment, Church of Christ 416 W Gilmore St - Mic
6. Department Reports

Consent Agenda

7. Approve Minutes from the Regular Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting 2024
8. Approve Docket of Claims numbers: 33537 – 33881 for a total of \$665,1
9. Authorize Firefighter Tanner Parker to attend MSFA for Hazmat A & C 2024, in Pearl, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
10. Authorize Firefighter Tanner Parker to attend MSTAT (Fire Academy) in Oxford, MS, also authorize to pay registration and travel expenses
11. Authorize Judge Nick Smith to attend the 2024 MS Municipal Cou

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Alderman Fankley asked if he will be able to start here when the weather is ready, in about 5 weeks.

Mr. Smith answered yes, he will. They will probably be able to knock it all out in a month and a half's time.

Alderman Simpson stated what you're saying makes perfect sense. I think it's more so because we didn't get as much done last year. The digging out instead of just overlaying makes sense.

Alderman Simpson stated we want the best job done for the money we have to spend.

A citizen stated I live on Miracle Drive. Are you talking about digging it out and filling it with rock and then overlay.

Mr. Smith answered yes. When we put the rock in last year, we saw water coming up though the rock. That water table is high. We'll probably have to dig down deeper, put fabric, then rock again before we overlay there.

Mr. Smith advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he had an update for the ARPA Water Tower project. We are well on our way with starting this project. We have the sight secured and have the survey done.

REQUEST for Utility Bill Adjustment, Church of Christ 416 W Gilmore St - Michael Cathey

Michael Cathey, representing Church of Christ at 416 W Gilmore St, presented Mayor Graves and the Board of Aldermen with information regarding a water leak at 416 W Gilmore St. Mr. Cathey stated that they received a call around January 31st, about a water leak on their side. It was thought to be under the sidewalk. Mr. Cathey stated he met with Mr. Estep from Public Works at the property. Mr. Cathey stated he walked around the property and didn't see anything and the water was turned off. When the bill came out it was \$1,914.93. This bill is for a meter to a building of the church we don't use much. Mr. Cathey stated looking at the billing history of this account, you can see there's never much usage. Mr. Cathey stated he questions the amount of water billed, he doesn't see any way possible for that amount of water. The faucets inside were off, didn't notice any water running. Mr. Cathey stated he had a plumber come out and found a leak under the old part of the building. Mr. Cathey stated however, that amount of water wouldn't come out like that, that much wouldn't have been because of the leak. Mr. Cathey stated he was told Mr. Carl Mahan was the one that saw the leak and called it in that morning. Mr. Cathey stated his concern is the amount of water, there is no way that much water came from that leak. The leak was not inside, so none of that went in the sewer. The amount of water couldn't be right. The sewer is a formula just put in.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if the water was running in the street, didn't Mr. Mahan say he saw it in the street that morning.

Michael Cathey answered he saw it that morning.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if he found the leak.

Michael Cathey answered yes, under the building.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Estep if we triple checked that what the meter read was correct.

Assistant Public Works Director David Estep answered yes sir.

Mayor Graves advised Mr. Cathey that the policy the Board adopted allows for an adjustment in an amount up to \$100 off of the sewer portion of the bill. We can't just do whatever.

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Michael Cathey answered I know, I've made plenty of policies, but you have to take it case by case. Mr. Cathey stated we are asking for an adjustment on the sewer part. I feel like the water part is a good compromise to pay.

Alderman Tanksley asked Mr. Estep if that's what went through the meter, the 187,000 gallons.

David Estep answered yes sir.

Michael Cathey stated I know for a fact that kind of water would not come from the leak.

Alderman Garrett asked how do we know it was a one day event.

Michael Cathey reviewed billing history documents he handed to the Aldermen. The billing dates for this cycle were January 26 through February 21.

Mayor Graves stated it was read on January 26th and cut off on January 31st, that's 5 days it could have been running.

Michael Cathey stated it wasn't running for 5 days.

Mayor Graves asked Mr. Cathey if he had any additional information.

Alderman Hale asked if Mr. Mahan was the one that noticed the leak, on the 31st.

Michael Cathey answered yes.

Mayor Graves stated to the Board that we've set a precedent already with a previous situation of a citizen wanting an adjustment outside of the adopted policy.

Mayor Graves asked if the Board had any more questions or comments.

No one said anything further. No action was taken.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Foresman stated that they've had multiple trainings lately. The Police Department offered to host one for us, and it went great. Things have been going good.

Assistant Public Works Director David Estep stated that everything has been going pretty good. Except they have lost 3 guys in the water department pretty close together, but the department is picking it up and doing ok. Water meters are becoming harder to find again.

Alderman Simpson asked Mr. Estep what he knew about mosquito services.

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