

**REGULAR  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS**

**AUGUST 14, 2018  
2:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having adjourned from their last Regular meeting of August 7, 2018. The meeting was held in the City Hall Reception/Conference Room. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting and all Council Members were present. Also present were the COO, the CFO, the General Counsel, the Police Chief, and all other Department Heads.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order and called upon Council Member Box to offer the Invocation.

**II. DISCUSS PROPOSED FY 2018-2019 BUDGET**

David Armstrong, COO, began by apprising the Council and the public of the budget process and noted the progress that has been made thus far.

Milton Rawle, Jr., CFO discussed what has been done since the first budget meeting. The \$192,000.00 that was budgeted for the Health Clinic has been subtracted from the budget and there is now a surplus of \$278,884.00. Since the first budget meeting, members of the Insurance Committee have met with Board Members of Baptist Medical Group, who would like to propose some cost savings. With that being said, Council Member Gavin made a motion to rescind the motion made on August 6, 2018 to Opt Out of the Agreement made between the City of Columbus and Baptist Medical Group and add the \$192,000.00 back to the budget. Council Member Jones seconded the motion.

All Council Members voted in favor of the motion.

The motion carried.

Mayor Smith permitted representatives for the Baptist Medical Group to speak. Paul Cade began by stating the purpose of the Clinic was to reduce healthcare Cost and we have given the City the best cost. Janet Cranford remarked that they will do a better job with their reporting mechanism. Council Member Gavin

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remarked that we need proactive ways to advertise the clinic so employees can use it. Mayor Smith asked Department Heads for input. Pat Mitchell, HR Director noted some areas that need improvement and hope that all involved can come up with a workable solution to keep the clinic open.

CFO Milton Rawle, Jr. remarked that the City currently has a \$86,000 surplus.

**III. RECESS**

The Mayor Smith then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, the meeting recessed until Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex.

**APPROVED BY:**

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Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Milton Rawle, Jr.  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer