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**SPECIAL MEETING  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS**

**AUGUST 22, 2019**

**4:00 P. M.**

**(REVISED)**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus will have a special meeting.

The meeting will be held at 4:00 P.M., Thursday, August 22, 2019, at the City Hall Upstairs Courtroom, located at 523 Main Street, Columbus, MS, as Ordered by the Mayor and City Council.

The following topics will be discussed:

- A. Discuss Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget.**
- B. Discuss/Approve Purchase of New Boom Truck.**

So Ordered, on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2019.

As Determined by the Mayor and City Council

# **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS**

**AUGUST 22, 2019  
4:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m., proper notice being posted, after having recessed from their last regular meeting of August 20, 2019. The meeting was held in the City Hall Courtroom, located on the second floor, 523 Main Street. Mayor Robert E. Smith, Sr. presided over the meeting. The Ward 1 Council seat is vacant due to the passing of Councilman Gene Taylor. The Ward 4 Council seat is vacant pending a special election, following the resignation of Fredrick Jackson. Also present were the COO, CFO, General Counsel, 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 Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget.**

Mayor Smith announced that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 -2020 Budget. David Armstrong, COO, discussed the process and stated that the City will adopt the Budget on September 12, 2019.

Copies of the Budget were available for Department Heads and the Public. Mayor Smith began discussing each department's budget by line items.

### **CRIME LAB: 001-009-559**

Austin Shepherd stated that he requested \$10,000 in this line item and it was cut to \$1,000. It was determined that this was a type and asked Mr. Shepherd if he could get by with \$9,000 and he responded, "Yes."

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT: 001-016-535**

Chief Andrews questioned the cut in this line item for Employees' uniforms and gave an explanation. They agreed to leave \$25,200.00 in the budget.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: 001-016-540 AND 001-016-559**

Chief Andrews questioned the cuts in these line items, which are for Firefighting equipment. He stated that the Fire Department must purchase new "Turn-Out" Gear every five (5) years.

**BUILDING/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT: 001-018-684**

Building Official, Kenny Wiegel, stated that Department Heads were told they could not attend conferences this year and he was hoping that stipulation would change for the next budget year. He requested \$2,000.00 and it was cut to \$1,000.00.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT: 001-019-600 AND 001-019-680**

Code Enforcement Officer, Tomarris Jones, requested more funds for Professional Services and Asbestos Testing, which are for Derelict Property legal representation and asbestos testing and/or removal.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: 001-021-725**

Public Works Director, Casey Bush, requested a Sweeper Truck, a Hot Patch machine and three (3) Crew Cab Trucks.

**CONVENTION CENTER: 001-037-499**

The Director of the Convention Center, Rogena Bonner, requested an increase in the Overtime Budget because she is short-staffed.

**CITY PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: 001-042-684**

George Irby, City Planner, asked the Mayor and Council if a department head could come back later and request a budget amendment.

**CITY GARAGE: 001-050-523 AND 001-050-572**

Garage Superintendent, Glenn White, stated that these two (2) line items are necessary for repair of automobiles and equipment and he doesn't believe it will be adequate.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

David Armstrong, COO, remarked that all Appropriations' budget remained the same as the previous year.

Mayor Smith then remarked that all of these requests will be taken under advisement. He, the COO and the CFO will meet with the Department Heads individually.

**III. Discuss/Approve Purchase of New Boom Truck**

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General Counsel Turnage distributed a Resolution authorizing Emergency Purchase of a Knuckle Boom Truck with Associated Equipment for the Public Works Department. Council member Mickens made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of a Knuckle Boom Truck with Associated Equipment. Council Member Gavin seconded the motion. The votes were recorded as follows:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Ward 1 – VACANT	
Ward 2 – Joseph Mickens	<u>YES</u>
Ward 3 – Charlie Box	<u>YES</u>
Ward 4 – VACANT	
Ward 5 – Stephen Jones	<u>YES</u>
Ward 6 – Bill Gavin	<u>YES</u>

The Mayor then announced that the above and foregoing resolution passed upon a vote of 4 to 0 and thereby announced that the above and foregoing Resolution was: **ADOPTED**, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2019.

**THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:**

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There came on for consideration the matter of the City of Columbus, Mississippi passing the proposed resolution and Council Member MICKENS offered and moved that the following resolution be adopted by the Mayor and City Council:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF  
KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCK WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, on or about August 13, 2019 the City of Columbus Public Works' knuckle boom truck was involved in an accident that caused the truck to be useless and inoperable, with the estimated cost of repairs being greater than the value of the truck; and

WHEREAS, the immediate restoration of a condition of usefulness by acquisition of a replacement knuckle boom truck is advisable; and

WHEREAS, the usual time to acquire such equipment can be months long due to configuration and assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has located a vendor with a fully assembled, new knuckle boom truck which is available for immediate purchase; and

WHEREAS, a delay incident to obtaining competitive bids would cause adverse impact upon the City, as well as its employees and citizens, due to the large quantities of rubbish and debris, including storm debris that is on or near the City's road rights of way and in need of clearing; and

WHEREAS, under the above described circumstances, the Mayor and Council finds that an "emergency" exists, as defined in Section 31-7-1(f) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-7-13(k) emergency purchase procedure, the Mayor and Council are authorized to forego the competitive bidding process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the factual circumstances described above are true and accurate and, as a result, the Mayor of the City of Columbus is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to secure the purchase by the City of Columbus of the knuckle boom truck, together with all equipment described in that particular quote, dated August 21, 2019,

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which shall be attached to this Resolution and spread across the minutes of the meeting of the City, along with the purchase order or purchase contract.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that an emergency exists, such that this purchase shall be promptly made without going through the normal competitive bidding process

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was seconded by Council Member GAVIN, and after deliberation the Mayor called for the votes recorded the votes to adopt the Resolution as follows:

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Ward 1 – Vacant	
Ward 2 – Joseph Mickens	<u>YES</u>
Ward 3 – Charlie Box	<u>YES</u>
Ward 4 – Vacant	
Ward 5 – Stephen Jones	<u>YES</u>
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ROBERT E. SMITH, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DELIAH VAUGHN SECRETARY / TREASURER,  
CFO & CITY CLERK

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Mayor then asked if there was any other business to come before the Mayor and City Council. There being none, Council Member Box moved that the meeting be adjourned. Upon second by Council Member Jones and unanimous vote, the Mayor announced that the meeting was ADJOURNED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

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Deliah T. Vaughn  
CFO/Secretary-Treasurer

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