

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN
OF WESSON, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 4, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, was held at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in the Wesson City Hall. The following were present:

**Alton Shaw, Mayor
Ric Crockett, Alderman-at-Large
John A. Welter, Jr., Alderman Ward II
Mike King, Alderman Ward IV
Jeff Varas, Municipal Attorney
Ann Ryan, Deputy Clerk**

ABSENT:

**Alderman Mike Douglas
Alderman Billy Ellison
Linda Dykes, Municipal Clerk**

Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Alderman Ric Crockett opened the meeting with prayer. The first item of business was to approve the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Welter moved to approve the October 4, 2016 agenda. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting were adopted on a motion by Alderman Crockett. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Mayor added a late claim of the street lights at the park costing \$18,769.80 for September. The September claims were presented for approval. Alderman Crockett moved the claims be approved. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Shaw discussed the city street paving project. Only one bid was turned into city hall on September 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The winning bid was from T.L. Wallace Construction, Inc. from Columbia, Ms. The paving project should start by November, 2016 weather permitting.

Copiah County Medical Center's CEO, Ben Lott and Community Outreach Coordinator, Lauren Rutland gave a presentation on the new hospital in Hazlehurst, Ms. They discussed the new facility and said that it was scheduled to open in December, 2016.

Mark Kirton asked questions on the closure of Machinery Street. Jeff Varas said he would check with Dudley Lampton on a title search of the closure of Machinery Street.

Mayor Shaw reported that Linda Dykes attended the required Municipal Court Clerk conference on September 14-16, 2016 in Jackson, Mississippi. Alderman Crockett moved the class be approved and Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Shaw requested approval to revise the water ordinance for a flat fee amount for rental property owners. This flat fee would be \$15.00 to turn the water on at rental property for cleaning purposes for 72 hours and first 2000 gallon water usage. If owner goes over the 2000 gallon water usage or 72 hours the fee would be the standard rate. Alderman Crockett made a motion to accept this water ordinance and Alderman Welter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Shaw requested approval for a contract with the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District to implement a new notification app to accurately monitor and respond to residents' request submitted through the app. Alderman Crockett made a motion to accept this contract and Alderman Welter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Shaw presented the resignation letter from Mark Brown. Mark Brown has been public works director for fourteen years. His resignation will take effect October 15, 2016. Alderman Crockett made a motion to accept the resignation and Alderman King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Police Chief, Chad O'Quinn made a request to hire Troy Floyd as a full time police officer for the Town of Wesson. Alderman Crockett made a motion to accept the request and Alderman Welter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There being no further business currently at hand, Alderman Crockett moved to adjourn the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman until Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Alderman Welter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ALTON SHAW, MAYOR

ATTESTED:

ANN RYAN, DEPUTY CLERK