

CITY OF BYRAM
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012
MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE ROOM, 121 SOUTHPOINTE DRIVE

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER Mayor Nick Tremonte

ROLLCALL City Clerk Angela Richburg

Present: Nick Tremonte, Mayor
Kent Alday, Alderman
Amy Douglas, Alderman
Theresa Marble, Alderman
Richard White, Mayor Pro Tem
Attorney Jerry Mills
Absent: D. L. Ford, Alderman

AGENDA AMMENDMENT

MOTION made by Mayor Pro Tem White and SECONDED by Alderman Marble to amend the Consent Agenda to include the Byram Business Association sign for the Swinging Bridge Festival.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Board of Aldermen Held on March 8, 2012
- b) Minutes of the Work Session of Mayor and Board of Aldermen Held on March 15, 2012
- c) Approval of Letter to Health Planning and Resource Development for Hinds County Nursing & Rehab Center
- d) \$300.00 to MS State Personnel Board registration for Chief Robinson to attend Certified Public Managers Level 2, April 16-20 in Jackson, MS (001-260-611)
- e) \$190.00 to MS State Personnel Board registration for Chief Robinson to attend Advanced Writing for CPM Program, May 2 in Jackson, MS (001-260-611)
- f) \$121,664.25 Claims for February 28 through March 14, 2012 (various)
- g) Approval of the Byram Business Association's Swinging Bridge Festival sign

MOTION made by Alderman Marble and SECONDED by Alderman Alday to approve the Consent Agenda MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

APPROVAL OF ENTERGY CLAIMS

MOTION made by Alderman Douglas and SECONDED by Mayor Pro Tem White to approve the Entergy Claims for February 2012 in the amount of \$1,467.89. MOTION CARRIED 3 - 0 ALDERMAN DOUGLAS, ALDERMAN MARBLE, MAYOR PRO TEM WHITE VOTING YES, ALDERMAN ALDAY RECUSED HIMSELF FROM ANY DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THIS CLAIM AND PHYSICALLY ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM ALL SUCH DISCUSSION OR ACTION. Mr. Alday took this action, not because of any actual conflict of interest.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISTRICTING

Chris Watson of Bridge & Watson gave a presentation regarding Districting and presented the Draft of the Districting Map and the associated demographic profile of each ward. Following Mr. Watson's presentation, the Mayor announced that the hearing would recess for 10 minutes break to allow additional time for members of the public to review the maps and data and formulate any questions or comments. Said recess was had and after the hearing reconvened the following comments and questions were presented. The following are comments and questions by citizens present:

Jay Tucker – 405 Lake Dockery Election costs: Could we have one (1) polling place instead of six (6)? Will we have to reimburse the Circuit Clerk for Elections? Per Atty. Jerry Mills no we will not have to reimburse the Circuit Clerk, because the Election Commission runs the Election.

Ken McClellan – 4377 South Siwell Rd Has concerns that Ward 3 will not have a homeowner to run for Alderman since it is composed only of renters. Alderman Marble responded that many of the renters are just downsizing and are still concerned about the City. She also let the public know that she is a renter.

Steve Reno – 4067 Henderson Rd Explain the line between Ward 1 and 2. Mr. Watson answered, that the line is following census geometry (census block). Mr. Reno: can the census blocks change? Mr. Watson: yes, for example Lake Dockery has due to growth. Mr. Reno: In response to not dividing a subdivision, what about Kaybrook and Jayroc? Mr. Watson stated that sometimes it is necessary.

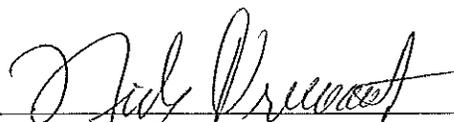
Wanda Smith – 1009 Horseshoe Circle Map looks great.

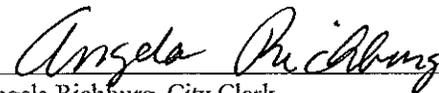
Kevin May – 225 Pearlle Owens Previously, I understood you to say there were three (3) super minority wards Mr. Watson: no, my statement was there are three (3) majority minority wards, 2, 3, and 4. Mr. May: why are the three (3) white majority wards super? Mr. Watson: Although we could have had more minority wards, this was the best way to better guarantee the election of more minority officials.

(Attached are the sign in sheets and notice of hearing)

ADJOURN 8:30

MOTION made by Alderman Douglas and **SECONDED** by Alderman Alday to adjourn. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

APPROVED:  Date 4/25/12
Nick Tremonte, Mayor

ATTEST:  Date 4/25/12
Angela Richburg, City Clerk