

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

October 25, 2022  
5:00 P.M.

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMEN MET IN THE ABERDEEN CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**MAYOR CHARLES SCOTT, ALDERMAN ROBERT DEVAULL, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN, MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK AND ROBERT FAULK, CITY ATTORNEY.**

**Invocation:** City Building Inspector Roy Haynes.

**ROLL CALL:**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve the proposed Board Minutes dated October 4, 2022. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to approve the proposed Special Called Board Minutes dated October 11, 2022. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated October 25, 2022 (with a correction of adding the \$600.00 payable to Patterson Appraisal). On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize travel and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Water Department Supervisor Jason Roberson to attend the MWPCOA Fall Wastewater Certification Short Course, Biloxi, MS / October 24-28, 2022. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Allen to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Aberdeen Common City General Fund to pay the entire balance due, to the Aberdeen Water Department Equipment Fund, for the temporary loan authorized at the October 4, 2022 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize travel and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for Visitors Bureau Director Tina Robbins to attend the Welcome Home Mississippi Directors Retreat, Vicksburg, MS / November 3-4, 2022 / Lodging Fee: \$98.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Devaull to adopt the same Legal Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's) in the HOLIDAY SCHEDULE PROCLAMATION signed by Governor Tate Reeves on October 10, 2022. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept the City of Aberdeen Common City Financial Statements for Audit FY ending September 30, 2021 and City of Aberdeen Electric Department Financial Statements for Audit FY ending June 30, 2021, presented by Auditor Matt Wood of Alexander Thompson Arnold at the September 20, 2022 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize travel and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines for City Officials Mayor Charles Scott, Alderwoman Lady B. Garth, Alderman Edward Haynes, and Alderwoman Carolyn Odom to attend the 2023 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference, Jackson, MS / January 10-12, 2023. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to open the following three accounts at Renasant Bank, Aberdeen, MS: the Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 account, the 2022 Electric Department Depreciation Fund account, and the 2022 Electric Department Contingency Fund account. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize the transfer in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 from the Aberdeen Electric Department Common Fund account to the Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 account. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 account to the 2022 Electric Department Depreciation Fund account and to the 2022 Electric Department Contingency Fund account. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize the following payments to pay the Costs of Issuance of the \$1,250,000.00 Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022: Watkins & Eager in the amount of \$28,500.00, Duncan-Williams, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00, Daylight Capital Advisors in the amount of \$20,000.00, Butler/Snow in the amount of \$5,000.00, and Robert H. Faulks, Attorney in the amount of \$12,672.52. Payments to be paid from the Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 account. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye", Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to schedule Adjudication Hearings at the Board Meeting scheduled November 15, 2022 and to authorize the Building Inspector Roy Haynes to provide all required statutory notices to the following property owners: Clyde Sanders, PPIN # 6011, Parcel # 107M-35-006-005.01 (215 Commerce Street); Castella Johnson, PPIN # 6010, Parcel # 107M-35-006-005.00 (213 Commerce Street); Vaughn Beauty College, LLC, PPIN # 6014, Parcel # 107M-35-006-008.00 (Maple Street); and Arnold Schrock, PPIN # 5974, Parcel # 107M-35-003-003-00 (Quincy Street). On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Scott presented awards to three students of the Aberdeen School District who attend the Monroe County Vo-Tech Program and have shown exceptional performance in their studies. Mayor Scott recognized these three residents of the City of Aberdeen who have contributed outstanding excellence and performance within the community.

Mayor Scott asked Tina Robbins to provide an update on business plans and activities for the months of October / November 2022. Robbins also invited Mayor Scott, the Board of Alderpersons, and the City Clerk to be a part of the Christmas Parade. Activities include:

1. Urgent Care at the Pointe - Free Health Screenings and Vaccines / October 28, 2022
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Walk 2022 / October 29, 2022
3. Aberdeen Health Clinic Community Health Fair / October 29, 2022
4. Junior Women's League of Monroe County Trunk or Treat / October 29, 2022
5. Healing Waters Christian Fellowship Harvest Trunk or Treat / October 30, 2022
6. Aberdeen Police Department Trunk or Treat / October 31, 2022
7. Christmas Open House / November 6, 2022.

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Robbins shared an update on the ARPA Funds Visitors Bureau project stating that "Everything is still in place, including the Paymode accounting application, but additional information may be requested to re-verify everything, and at this time no clearance has been given to spend any money".

Mayor Scott asked LaMarcus Thompson to provide an update on the renovations of the Public Utilities office site on Meridian Street. Manager Thompson stated everything is rolling smoothly. The sheet rock has been completed, and the electrical work (light switches, plugs) are being installed along with the painting and priming. The drive-thru banking system was installed today and the drive-thru window will be installed Thursday as well as HVAC and duct work. The projected completion date is now the first week in December.

Mayor Scott reported that the Mayor's Youth Council has volunteered at the Aberdeen Fish and Loaves Food Pantry and the cleanup at the Oddfellows Rest Cemetery. Mayor Scott is asking for 100 men to please volunteer and help with the cleanup at the Cemetery on October 29, 2022.

**Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:**

**Alderman Devaull:** Alderman Devaull thanked City employees for their hard work and dedication for keeping the City of Aberdeen going and supporting it. The "tire bandit" is still throwing tires on Peacock Alley. Alderman Devaull is asking citizens to please come forth with any information they may have concerning the dumping of old tires, and their names will be kept confidential.

**Alderwoman Garth:** Alderwoman Garth did not have anything to report at this time.

**Alderman Haynes:** Alderman Haynes asked everyone to please be aware and careful of the water tap done on Vine Street. There are no orange cones to warn motorists of a bump that may cause harm to vehicles. Alderman Haynes stated he will have a few items to discuss in Executive Session.

**Alderwoman Odom:** Alderwoman Odom did not have anything to report at this time.

**Alderman Allen:** Alderman Allen has received another call about tree limbs on Jett Street that are hanging downward and in the way of vehicles driven on Jett Street. Alderman Allen stated he rode down Jett Street and observed the limbs are in the way and should be trimmed back.

**Citizen's Input:**

Mel Cannon asked the Board for permission to speak with them in private concerning a drug screen test.

Joyce Vasser asked for participation and/or a donation to support the St. Jude Bowl-a-Thon. All proceeds will be donated to St Jude's Hospital. Hannah Davis asked the Board to support the Soup Drive by Monroe County Exhale on November 5, 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth to enter into a Closed Determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to go into Executive Session to discuss the Police Officers applicants, delinquent UDAG accounts, and City employee Xavier Wilson. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss the Police Officers applicants, delinquent UDAG accounts, and City employee Xavier Wilson. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devault, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to withdraw the prior Order to employ the following applicants as Aberdeen Police Officers: Mel Cannon, Tori Ray and Wilson Foote. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to terminate the employment of Xavier Wilson. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to post and advertise for persons interested in being employed as Police Officers and Dispatcher in the Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devault, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to promote City Police Officer Alforzinie Sums to the position of Sergeant in the Aberdeen Police Department and to authorize a pay raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize City Attorney Faulks to send letters to the individuals or businesses who have delinquent UDAG loan accounts with the City. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to publish the required statutory notice in the local newspaper regarding the City of Aberdeen Inspection Department expenditures exceeding its annual budget by ten percent or more. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Devault to advertise for vendor quotes / bids to paint the City of Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department building. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devault, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to adjourn until the November 1, 2022 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Attest:

  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

  
Charles Scott, Mayor