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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF  
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS  
October 3, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

**II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

- A. Approve Minutes from Meeting of September 19, 2023
- B. Approve Minutes from Meeting of September 28, 2023

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- J. Daughtry** A. Approve permit request submitted by Irena McClain, on behalf of Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, to host a "Mississippi's Walk for Diabetes - Columbus/Golden Triangle" to be held on October 29, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve permit request submitted by Rosalynn Merchant, on behalf of First Methodist Church, Annunciation Catholic Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to host a "Fall Festival" to be held on October 29, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** C. Approve permit request submitted by Logan Gentry, on behalf of Annunciation Catholic School, to host the "In Our Nation Day Parade" to be held on January 30, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic School, 223 North Browder Street, turning right onto North Browder Street, right onto Alabama Street, right onto Gardner Blvd., right onto Maxwell and right into ACS parking lot.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve the request for the CPD Chief and two (2) CPD Assistant Chiefs to attend the "Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police 2023 Winter Educational Conference" to be held in Oxford, Mississippi and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,045.00 each.
- J. Garrett** E. Approve request to compensate S&S Landscaping in the amount of \$6,249.77 for grass cutting along Hwy 45 and 182.
- J. Garrett** F. Approve request to compensate BAM in the amount of \$1,350.00 for grass cutting/landscaping of Sandfield Cemetery.
- J. Brigham** G. Approve request to compensate Weathers Construction in the amount of \$25,068.19 for 15th Street North drainage improvement.
- J. Mickens** H. Approve request for City Councilmember and Interim Planner to attend a meeting held in Bolton, Mississippi with U.S. Congressman to discuss drainage improvements and approve payment for travel and meal expenses.

**V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.**

**J. Brigham**      A.    Approve Docket of Claims for October 3, 2023

**VI.    REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:**

- A.    Comments from Mayor & Council
- J. Garrett**      B.    Board Vacancies

**COLUMBUS LOWNDES LIBRARY BOARD**

1 Vacancy, 5 Year Term, Christian Heinkel's Term Expires 09/30/2023.  
Appointment will be made October 3, 2023.

Christian Heinkel

**VII.   CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA**

**VIII.   POLICY AGENDA:**

- S. James**      A.    Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- S. James. G. Irby**      B.    Discuss/Approve blighted and abandoned structures/lots currently listed to be demolished.
- J. Daughtry**    C.    Discuss/Approve hiring two (2) certified CPD Officers contingent upon the successful completion of preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry**    D.    Discuss/Approve an Agreement between Columbus Police Crime Laboratory, MS and JusticeTrax, Inc.
- J. Daughtry**    E.    Discuss/Approve the installation and configuration of the Motorola Radios at Lowndes County E911 Center in the amount of \$15,876.
- C. Bush**      F.    Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Laborer in the Public Works Department, pending completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Lewis**      G.    Discuss/Approve request to hire one (1) Full-Time Grounds Maintenance Technician in Parks & Recreation, pending completion of all preliminary testing.
- G. Lewis**      H.    Discuss/Approve request to hire three (3) Part-Time Site Supervisors with no benefits in Parks & Recreation, pending completion of all preliminary testing.
- K. Stafford**    I.    Discuss/approve applying for FAA BIL Airport Terminal Program grant to renovate CLCA's Terminal Building.
- K. Stafford**    J.    Discuss/Approve change order for 15th Street patching repairs.
- J. Garrett**      K.    Discuss/Approve the purchase of twenty (20) Desktop Computers from Howard Technology Solutions in the amount of \$16,060.
- J. Garrett**      L.    Discuss/Approve the purchase of seven (7) Laptop Computers from CDWG in the amount of \$11,766.79.
- J. Brigham**      M.    Discuss/Approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire.
- J. Garrett, J. Brigham**    N.    Discuss/Approve advertising for Engineering Services for ARPA/MDEQ Projects.

**IX.    EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- A.    Personnel (1)