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**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
November 7, 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 October 17, 2023

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend "Truck Company Operations" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$600.00.
- D. Hughes** B. Approve request for one (1) Fire and Rescue personnel to attend NFPA 1031 "Fire Inspector" to be held in Jackson, MS, and approve payment of registration, travel, and meal expenses in the amount of \$1,410.00.
- D. Hughes** C. Approve request for one Fire and Rescue personnel to be reimbursed for the successful completion of her National Registry Exam in the amount of \$104.00.
- J. Daughtry** D. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host "The Hitching Lot Holiday Cruise In" to be held on November 18, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. blocking Third Street North between Second Avenue North and Third Avenue North.
- J. Daughtry** E. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Christmas Parade" to be held on December 10, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. See attached map.
- J. Daughtry** F. Approve permit request submitted by LaNise Frison to host the "Second Annual Burns Bottom Reunion" to be held on September 28, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. blocking Third Street North and Second Avenue North at Munson and Brothers.
- J. Daughtry** G. Approve request for CID Property/Evidence Clerk to attend the "Basic Crime Scene Investigations Course" to be held in Columbiana, Alabama, and approve payment for registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,832.50.
- J. Daughtry** H. Approve request for two (2) CPD Officers to attend "Training for Impaired Driving Enforcement Course" in Indianola, MS and approval of payment for travel, lodging and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$1,181.00.
- J. Garrett** I. Approve request for Mayor, Councilmembers, COO, Interim Director of Planning, Court Administrator and Police Chief to attend the 2024 Mississippi Municipal League Midwinter Conference from Jan. 10 - Jan. 12, 2024 in Jackson, MS and approve payment of registration fees, lodging, travel and meal expenses in the estimated total of \$8,718.65.

- J. Daughtry** J. Approve permit request submitted by Barbara Bigelow, on behalf of Main Street Columbus, Inc., to host the "Wassail Fest" to be held on December 1, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Columbus. Please see attached.
- J. Daughtry** K. Approve request for the CID Property/Evidence Clerk to attend the "Crime Scene Professional Development Course" to be held in Anniston, AL and approve payment for travel and meal expenses in the estimated amount of \$107.00.
- J. Daughtry** L. Approve permit request submitted by Mayor Keith Gaskin to host the "3rd Annual Turkey Pardon" to be held on Nov. 16, 2023 3:30pm - 5:00pm. blocking Main Street in front of City Hall from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.
- J. Brigham** M. Approve request for a Travel Card for Mayor, City Council and administrative staff.
- J. Brigham** N. Approve request to compensate Weathers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$116,809.58 for 15th Street North drainage improvements.
- J. Garrett** O. Approve request to compensate S&S Landscaping in the amount of \$6,249.77 for grass cutting along Hwy 45 and 182.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

- J. Brigham** A. Approve Docket of Claims for November 7, 2023

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- D. Hughes** B. Swearing in of one (1) Fire and Rescue Firefighter
- Sally Kerstetter
- J. Daughtry** C. Swearing-In of three (3) CPD Officers
- * Jarron Jefferson
 - * Antonious Sellers
 - * Jacorius Hammond

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

- J. Garrett** A. Jason Spears - Cook Elementary School Soccer Field

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

- S. James** A. Discuss/Approve Derelict Property Docket
- Z. Foster** B. Discuss/approve acceptance of MDOT Matching Grant Agreement in the amount of \$8,334.00 for the CLCA Taxiway Pavement project.
- K. Stafford** C. Discuss/Approve Lower Trotter ADA Ramp/Streetscape Improvements Change Order in the amount of \$8,275.00.
- D. Hughes** D. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Fire and Rescue personnel from Probation Firefighter to Certified Firefighter, effective date November 13, 2023.
- R. Bonner** E. Discuss/Approve request to rehire a retired Maintenance Technician on a part-time basis, pending successful preliminary testing.
- J. Daughtry** F. Discuss/Approve Columbus Police Department hiring three (3) Certified Officers as Lieutenant, Captain and Investigator and six (6) entry-level Officers contingent upon successful completion of preliminary testing.

J. Daughtry G. Discuss/Approve the promotion of one (1) Columbus Police Department Detective to Lieutenant, effective November 8, 2023,

J. Brigham H. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for Accounting Services.

J. Brigham, J. Garrett I. Discuss/Approve request to advertise for a Grant Writer.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matter

B. Pending Litigation