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GEORGE IRBY

**MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF COLUMBUS, MS
November 19, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

II. CONFIRMATION OF/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

A. Approve Minutes for Meeting of November 5, 2024

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- D. Hughes** A. Approve request for two (2) Fire and Rescue personnel to Fire Apparatus Inspection Trip in Sioux Falls, SD, and approve payment of registration, hotel, travel, books, meal expenses, and any other expenses in the amount of \$1,600.
- J. Daughtry** B. Approve request for two (2) CPD personnel to attend the "Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police 2024 Winter Educational Conference" to be held in Oxford, MS, and approve payment for registration, travel, lodging and meal expenses at the estimated cost of \$1,230.00 each.
- J. Brigham** C. Approve 2% Tourism Tax payment of \$25,000.00 to Lowndes County, \$20,833.33 to Golden Triangle Development LINK, \$33,333.33 to the City of Columbus and \$125,865.96 to Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau, all disbursements totaling \$205,032.62.

V. APPROVE DOCKET OF CLAIMS.

J. Brigham A. Approve Docket of Claims for November 19, 2024

VI. REPORTS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AGENDA:

- A. Comments from Mayor & Council
- K. Gaskin** Proclamation Presentation in Memory of Charles "Charlie" Box
- J. Brigham** B. Finance Report - October 2024 Report
- L. Dismukes** C. Community Outreach - October 2024 Report
- K. Wiegel** D. Building Inspection - October 2024 Report
- D. Hughes** E. Columbus Fire and Rescue - October 2024 Report
- J. Daughtry** F. Columbus Police Department - October 2024 Report
- G. Lewis** G. Columbus Recreation Department - October 2024 Report
- R. Bonner** H. J. M. Trotter Convention Center/Cemeteries - October 2024 Report

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| S. James | I. | Code Enforcement Department - October 2024 Report |
| G. Irby | J. | Office of Planning & Community Development - October 2024 Report |
| P. Mitchell | K. | Human Resources - October 2024 Report |
| W. Langford | L. | Garage - October 2024 Report |
| C. Bush | M. | Public Works - October 2024 Report |
| W. Blunt | N. | Municipal Court - October 2024 Reports |
| J. Garrett | O. | Board Vacancies |

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS

1 Vacancy, 3-Year Term, Stephen McBride's Term Expires December 4, 2024.
Appointment will be December 3, 2024.

Stephen McBride

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

3 Vacancies, 3-Year Terms, Quincy Harris' Term Expires December 1, 2024
Emily Johnson's Term Expires December 1, 2024
Melissa Smith's Term Expires December 4, 2024
Appointments will be December 3, 2024.

Emily Johnson

Stephen McBride

Bo Harrison

VII. CITIZENS INPUT AGENDA

VIII. POLICY AGENDA:

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| S. James | A. | Discuss / Approve Derelict Property Docket |
| K. Stafford | B. | Discuss/Approve Award of Lowest Responsive Bids from Weathers Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$161,100, JZS, LLC in the amount of \$236,300, and Beckwith Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$48,000 for the Propst Park Lower Field Softball Conversion. |
| D. Hughes | C. | Discuss/Approve request to purchase a Rosenbauer Commander Aerial Fire Truck in the amount of \$975,000.00 through the use of State Fire Insurance Rebate and State Appropriation funds and City of Columbus Reserve funds. |
| D. Hughes | D. | Discuss/Approve hiring one (1) Entry Level Firefighter pending successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam and drug screen. |
| C. Bush | E. | Discuss/Approve request to fill one (1) of the vacant Truck Driver positions in Public Works Department, pending successful completion of all preliminary testing. |
| C. Bush | F. | Discuss/Approve request to transfer an employee from Columbus Recreation Department to Public Works in the same role as Laborer. |
| C. Bush | G. | Discuss/Approve engaging USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services to trap and remove beavers and dams. |
| J. Garrett | H. | Discuss/Approve <i>Use Agreement</i> for Columbus Light & Water. |
| J. Turnage | I. | Discuss/Approve Real Estate Listing Contract. |
| J. Turnage | J. | Discuss/Approve <i>Order Vacating and Abandoning Unopened Municipal Street</i> . |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. Personnel Matters (2)