

CITY OF BYRAM
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025, 7:00 PM
City Hall: 5901 Terry Road, Byram, MS

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Mayor Richard White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was given by Elder James E. Turner, Sr., Senior Pastor of Marl Grove Church of Christ Holiness USA

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

Present: Richard White, Mayor
Erma Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Amos, Alderman, Ward III
Teresa Mack, Alderman, Ward IV
Roschelle Gibson, Alderman, Ward V
Chris Carson, Alderman, Ward VI
Roshunda Harris-Allen, Alderman At Large
Attorney Zach Giddy
City Clerk Julia Kraft
Absent: Diandra Hosey Sanders, Alderman, Ward II

5. Presented Items

- (a) Approval to amend the agenda to include under Discussion and Action, approval to hire two Streets Workers at \$15.14 per hour**

Motion to approve amending the agenda

Moved by Alderman Gibson

Seconded by Alderman Harris-Allen

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

- (b) Presentation of a Certificate of Congratulations to the Byram Middle School Football Team for winning the Little Six Championship after an undefeated season**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen extended their heartfelt congratulations and presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Byram Middle School Football Team

- (c) Presentation of Byram Soccer Association Community Pink Warrior Award and Purple Warrior Award**

Alderman Harris-Allen recognized the Byram Soccer Association Community 2025 Purple Warrior, Brittney Shelby-Bell

(d) Presentation and acceptance of 2023 audit - Greg Derrick, CPA, CGMA, of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC

Motion to approve and accept the 2023 Audit

Moved by Alderman Carson

Seconded by Alderman Gibson

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

(e) Approval of Site Plan and Architectural Design for a Dollar General at Terry Rd/Springridge Rd Intersection - Building Official Eric Munden

Motion to approve site plan and architectural design, subject to final approval by the City Engineer

Moved by Alderman Harris-Allen

Seconded by Alderman Carson

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

6. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Moved by Alderman Gibson

Seconded by Alderman Harris-Allen

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

(a) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen held October 6, 2025

(b) Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen held October 9, 2025

(c) Approval of payment in the amount of \$12,730.80 to Fifth Asset, Inc. for annual renewal of DebtBook Financial Software (001-140-650)

(d) Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$350.00 from McMaster & Associates for the October 3rd Outdoor Movie Night at Davis Road Park

(e) Acceptance of donations in the amount of \$3,950.00 for the 1st Annual Turkey Trot from BankPlus, Richard's Front Wheel Drive, Members Exchange Federal Credit Union, Mills, Scanlon, Dye & Pittman, Fleetway Market, Raising Cane's, McMaster & Associates, Inc., Johnson & Son Enterprises, LLC, Cadence Bank, River Remedy and Majestiq Moments Event Planning by Shelia, LLC

- (f) **Approval of quote in the amount of \$19,990.58 from The Southern Connection to install emergency equipment in two new police units (001-200-915)**
- (g) **Approval to dispose of assets #820 and #803, two mini fridges located in the Training Room and Fire Chief's Office, because they are both broken**
- (h) **Approval to surplus the following vehicles and equipment: PT-2: 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 - VIN 1C6RD7LT7CS176134 PT-11: 2011 Ford Ranger - VIN 1FTKR1EE1BPA53504 PT-6: 2010 Ford F150 - VIN 1FTEX1C86AFA70531 PT-15: 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 - VIN 1C6RR6KT9DS644489 PE-4: 2014 Hot Box - VIN 1K9BU1811EN246203**
- (i) **Approval of payment in the amount of \$16,000.00 to McMaster & Associates for engineering services relating to the Terry/Siwell Rd Intersection project (001-301-602)**
- (j) **Approval of payment in the amount of \$47,515.00 to McMaster & Associates for engineering design and construction phase services for the Old Byram Road Bridge Replacement Project ERBR-25(2) (304-301-602)**
- (k) **Approval of payment in the amount of \$16,212.50 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services related to the Big Creek Interceptor Project (302-700-602)**
- (l) **Approval of payment in the amount of \$277,725.00 to Hemphill Construction for work on the Old Byram Road Bridge Project (304-301-910)**
- (m) **Approval of payment in the amount of \$875,202.18 to Hemphill Construction Company, Pay App. No. 6 for the Big Creek Sewer Interceptor Project (302-700-907)**
- (n) **Acceptance of resignation letter from Municipal Judge Pro Tem Kevin Stewart**

7. Discussion and Action

- (a) **Approval of Claims Docket in the amount of \$4,477,641.96 from 10/1/25 through 10/15/25**
Motion to approve Claims Docket
 Moved by Alderman Amos
 Seconded by Alderman Gibson
 Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen
 Motion Passed
- (b) **Approval of Resolution of Intent to Issue General Obligation Utility Bonds**
Motion to approve Resolution of Intent to Issue General Obligation Utility Bonds
 Moved by Alderman Johnson
 Seconded by Alderman Harris-Allen
 Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen
 Motion Passed
- (c) **Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Professionals to Assist with the Issuance of Proposed General Obligation Utility Bonds**

Motion to approve Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Professionals to Assist with the Issuance of Proposed General Obligation Utility Bonds

Moved by Alderman Harris-Allen

Seconded by Alderman Gibson

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

- (d) **Approval to hire a Streets worker at \$15.14 per hour with full benefits, contingent upon successful completion of the hiring process**

Motion to hire Maurice Hines as a Streets Worker at \$15.14 per hour with full benefits, contingent upon the successful completion of the hiring process

Moved by Alderman Carson

Seconded by Alderman Harris-Allen

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

- (e) **Approval to hire a Streets Worker at \$15.14 per hour with full benefits, contingent upon successful completion of the hiring process**

Motion to hire Hubert Johnson as a Streets Worker at \$15.14 per hour with full benefits, continent upon successful completion of the hiring process

Moved by Alderman

Seconded by Alderman

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

- (f) **Approval of a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Opposing Public and Private School Choice Programs**

Tabled until the November 13th Board Meeting

- (g) **Discussion of the City buying tickets for Elected Officials for the Byram Chamber of Commerce's Fundraiser Gala at \$50.00 per person (001-110-646)**

Motion to have the City purchase tickets for the Chamber of Commerce's fundraiser Gala for those Elected Officials who wish to attend

Moved by Alderman Gibson

Seconded by Alderman Mack

After discussion, Alderman Gibson rescinded her Motion

It was decided by the Board of Aldermen that those wishing to attend the Gala would purchase their own tickets

8. **Public Comments** *Byram residents may address the Board at this time, provided they have signed in with their name and address. Discussion will be limited to three (3) minutes per person*

Mrs. Patricia Bretheim asked questions on Facebook about private sewer customers having to pay for City of Byram sewer improvements, which were answered by Public Works Director Dexter Shelby

9. Announcements

- (a) **Monday, October 27th - Volunteer Meeting for those who would like to sign up to help with upcoming events, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**
- (b) **Read For A Treat - Thursday, October 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Davis Road Park**
- (c) **Friday, October 31st - Happy Halloween! Enjoy your trick or treating, and stop by the Trunk or Treat at the Fire Station on Byram Parkway**
- (d) **Saturday November 1st - volunteers are invited to join with Keep Byram Beautiful to refresh the flower pots at Siwell/Terry Road Intersection and Siwell/Davis Road Intersections. Volunteers will meet at Walgreens at 9:00 a.m.**
- (e) **Monday, November 10th - Regular Work Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall**
- (f) **Tuesday, November 11th - City Administrative Offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day**
- (g) **Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. we will celebrate our local veterans with a program and luncheon at Heritage Baptist Church**
- (h) **Tuesday, November 11th - Community Meeting with Supervisor Wanda Evers, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**
- (i) **Thursday, November 13th - Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall**
- (j) **Saturday, November 22nd - the Mayoral Health Council presents the First Annual Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk for Alzheimer's**

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. in memory of former Ward VI Alderman David Moore

Moved by Alderman Carson

Seconded by Alderman Gibson

Ayes: Johnson, Amos, Mack, Gibson, Carson, Harris-Allen

Motion Passed

APPROVED: _____
Richard White, Mayor

DATE: _____

ATTEST: _____
Julia Kraft, City Clerk

DATE: _____