

**MINUTES OF THE RECESS MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
The City of Starkville, Mississippi
January 11, 2016**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in a Recess Meeting on January 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor Parker Wiseman, Aldermen Ben Carver, Lisa Wynn, David Little, Jason Walker, Roy A.' Perkins, and Henry Vaughn, Sr. Attending the Board were City Clerk Lesa Hardin and Attorney Chris Latimer. Alderman Scott Maynard was out of town.

Mayor Parker Wiseman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

The Mayor announced that Alderman Maynard would be unable to attend telephonically as posted.

**OFFICIAL AGENDA OF
THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI**

RECESS MEETING OF MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016
5:30 P.M., 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
110 WEST MAIN STREET

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE OFFICIAL AGENDA**
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**
 - A. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:
 - B. BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS:
- V. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- VI. CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION**
- VII. OPEN SESSION**
- VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATING TO THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- IX. OPEN SESSION**

X. RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 19, 2016 @ 5:30 P.M. IN THE COURT ROOM AT CITY HALL LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET.

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1. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL AGENDA.

Upon the motion of Alderman Carver, duly seconded by Alderman Wynn, to approve the January 11, 2016 Official Agenda, the Board voted as follows to approve the motion:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: None

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Nelson Miles asked that the part of the Pledge of Allegiance "with liberty and justice for all" be followed by all.

2. A MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS PROPER CAUSE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There came for consideration the matter of entering a closed session to determine if there is a proper cause for executive session. Upon the Motion of Alderman Perkins, duly seconded by Alderman Wynn, to enter into a Closed Session to determine if there is proper cause for Executive Session, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Board entered closed session.

3. A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERSONNEL MATTERS RELATED TO THE JOB PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE STARKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Perkins offered a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters related to the job performance of specific employees of the Starkville Police Department. Following a second by Alderman Wynn, the Board voted as follows to enter Executive Session:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received an affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Mayor invited the public back in, and after allowing the public time to enter the room, made the announcement of the Board's decision to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters related to the job performance of specific employees of the Starkville Police Department on a finding that the proposed topic qualified for Executive Session.

At this time the Board entered Executive Session. Shortly thereafter, the City Attorney exited the upstairs conference room and announced that the Board was ready to conduct the grievance hearing involving Starkville Police Officer Jeremy Akins. The City Attorney then called three times for Jeremy Akins, or anyone representing Jeremy Akins, to enter the conference room to attend the grievance hearing. After waiting for a period of time, and seeing and hearing no one come forward as a result of that call, and being informed by Starkville's Fire Marshall that Jeremy Akins was not present, the City Attorney returned to the conference room.

The Board then heard from Starkville Police Chief Frank Nichols relating to the job performance of certain Starkville police officers.

4. A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, duly seconded by Alderman Wynn, to return to Open Session, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Mayor invited the public back in, announced that the Board had taken action in Executive Session and asked the City Attorney to read the motions.

5. A MOTION TO DENY THE GRIEVANCE OF JEREMY AKINS.

A motion was offered by Alderman Perkins that the grievance of Jeremy Akins be denied, that his resignation be rejected, that the recommendation of Chief Frank Nichols to terminate Akins employment be approved effective immediately, and that the City attorney provide written notice of this Board Order to Mr. Akins and his legal counsel on January 12, 2016. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wynn and the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

6. A MOTION TO RATIFY THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE CHIEF OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF TWO POLICE OFFICERS.

A motion was offered by Alderman Little to ratify the recommendation of the Police Chief of disciplinary action of two police officers, Wesley Koehn and George Coleman. The motion was seconded by Alderman Vaughn and the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

7. A MOTION TO RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 19, 2016 @ 5:30 IN THE COURT ROOM OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET.

Upon the motion of Alderman Vaughn, duly seconded by Alderman Little, for the Board of Aldermen to recess the meeting until January 19, 2016 @ 5:30 at 110 West Main Street in the court room of City Hall, the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Lisa Wynn	Voted: Yea
Alderman David Little	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jason Walker	Voted: Yea
Alderman Scott Maynard	Voted: Absent
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2016.

PARKER WISEMAN, MAYOR

Attest: _____
LESA HARDIN, CITY CLERK