MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
MARCH 26, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in a Special Call Meeting on March 26, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of City Hall, located at 110 West Main Street, Starkville, MS. Present were Mayor Lynn Spruill, Aldermen Kim Moreland, Sandra Sistrunk, Mike Brooks, Hamp Beatty, Henry Vaughn, Sr. and Roy A'. Perkins. City Attorney Berk Huskison and City Clerk / CFO Lesa Hardin were also present.

The meeting was properly noticed pursuant to Miss. Code Ann §21-3-21 and a copy of that notice is included in the minutes. The public and media were welcomed and attended.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21-3-21 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED, MAYOR D. LYNN SPRUILL DOES HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, TO MEET ON **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.,** IN THE STARKVILLE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE STARKVILLE CITY HALL LOCATED AT 110 WEST MAIN STREET, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI 39759.

The specific subjects of the meeting are as follows:

1. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A LOCAL AND PRIVATE BILL TO ALLOW FOR CITY WATER SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE IF AN EXISTING WATER ASSOCIATION IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE OR IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAKES SUCH A FINDING.**

2. **CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SEEKING STAG GRANT FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A WELL AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE TREATMENT PLANT AND SUPPLY LINES.**

Mayor Lynn Spruill read the meeting notice and called the meeting to order.

1. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A LOCAL AND PRIVATE BILL TO ALLOW FOR CITY WATER SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE IF AN EXISTING WATER ASSOCIATION IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE OR IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAKES SUCH A FINDING.

Alderman Moreland offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to adopt a Resolution to support a local and private bill to allow for city water services to be provided within the city limits of the City of Starkville if an existing water association is unable to provide such service or if the public service commission makes such a finding. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Absent
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

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

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT ANY WATER ASSOCIATION TERRITORIES WITHIN THE CITY OF STARKVILLE CITY LIMITS THAT ARE UNABLE TO SERVE OR ARE UNDERSERVING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF STARKVILLE OR THAT ARE FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi (the "Board"), acting for and on behalf of the residents and citizens of Starkville and the future customers of the Starkville Utilities Department do hereby find and determine as follows:

1. The City of Starkville, the county seat of Oktibbeha County, and the home of Mississippi State University has experienced strong and unabated population and business growth over the past decade.

2. The City of Starkville has within its city limits several water associations with certificated areas that are separate and distinct from the service provided through Starkville Utilities.

3. The independent water associations within the city limits of Starkville are currently limiting or have the potential to limit the ability of the City of Starkville to grow its population and business community by being unable to provide adequate potable or fire protection water service to new residential and business developments.

4. The City of Starkville has the ability to work with water associations to support and supplement or to absorb those areas that cannot serve the water association certificated areas inside the city limits.

5. The City of Starkville through its Utilities Department is ready to provide necessary water services to the certificated areas identified as underserving or not serving its customers within such certificated territory.

6. It is in the best interest of the City of Starkville that such water service be provided to these areas in order to ensure all property owners within the city limits have the same level of service and therefore the same opportunity to grow and develop as those currently being served by Starkville Utilities.

7. It is in the best interest of the City of Starkville that if the applicable water associations are unable or unwilling to serve to the needs of those located in the certificated area that said water associations will cede that territory to the City of Starkville or will be required to reach an agreement to be supplemented through a negotiated agreement to provide adequate water for growth and development in accordance with the allowable zoning and desires of the property owners affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville do find that:

THE CITY OF STARKVILLE IS ABLE AND WILL ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATED AREA INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THOSE WATER ASSOCIATIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF STARKVILLE THAT ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO CONNECT OR SUPPORT THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS OR THAT ARE FOUND BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS.

Upon the motion of Alderman Moreland, duly seconded by Alderman Brooks for the Board of Aldermen to approve the Resolution, the Board of Aldermen voted after discussion, in favor of the foregoing resolution as follows:

Ward 1	Kim Moreland	yea
Ward 2	Sandra Sistrunk	yea
Ward 3	Jeffrey Rupp	absent
Ward 4	Mike Brooks	yea
Ward 5	Hamp Beatty	yea
Ward 6, Vice Mayor	Roy A'. Perkins	yea
Ward 7	Henry S. Vaughn	yea

This the 26th day of March, 2024

D. Lynn Spruill, Mayor

Attest

Lesa Hardin, City Clerk

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2. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SEEKING STAG GRANT FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR A WELL AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE TREATMENT PLANT AND SUPPLY LINES.

Alderman Brooks offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Beatty, to adopt a Resolution seeking STAG Grant funding for improvements to the water system to include funding for a well and infrastructure to support the treatment plant and supply lines. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Absent
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	Voted: Yea
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 Resolution follows this page.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AN EPA STAG DRINKING WATER-STATE REVOLVING FUND TO SUPPORT THE UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF STARKVILLE WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville, Mississippi (the "Board"), acting for and on behalf of the residents and citizens of Starkville and the future customers of the Starkville Utilities Department do hereby find and determine as follows:

1. The City of Starkville, the county seat of Oktibbeha County, and the home of Mississippi State University has experienced strong and steady growth over the past decades and the area is anticipated to continue that growth in the coming years. The City of Starkville wants to foster and support that growth as this area is one of the few in the State of Mississippi that has exhibited such economic development activity.

2. The safe and reliable delivery of water and the maintenance and development of infrastructure integrity is a critical component of the services necessary for a municipality to provide to its businesses and residents.

3. The City of Starkville has conducted an evaluation of the water system to assess performance and capacity of existing infrastructure and to address future needs for the next twenty (20) years.

4. The growth of the City of Starkville and our provision of supplemental water to surrounding rural water associations is setting the City on a steeper trajectory for needing to meet those demands than previously anticipated. The installation of one new well, a large diameter supply line and water treatment plant for removal of iron and manganese is proposed as the first step to reduce the stress of excessive run times of existing wells allowing for much needed repairs and maintenance and reduce the risk of losing water systemwide.

5. The assessment shows a need for immediate repairs and additional condition assessments to all seven existing groundwater wells and all three water treatment plants. A second ground water well, large diameter supply line and pressure filter are also proposed as part of these needs. These improvements will allow for the replacement of infrastructure that is coming to the end of its useful life.

6. The use of the STAG grant will be a direct and immediate benefit to the current residents; allow for compliance as well as future growth and expansion in the underserved areas. It will thus be a responsible use of the funds from taxpayers' dollars. The proposed improvements will affect directly those who pay into the system with a return on that investment through tangible, impactful and daily results of such an investment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Starkville do find that:

THE APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT REQUEST FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE IS THE PRUDENT AND MOST RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY RELIABLE WATER SERVICE FOR THE RESIDENTS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE STARKVILLE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND THAT SUCH AN APPLICATION IS IN LINE WITH THE INTENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION.

Upon the motion of Alderman Brooks, duly seconded by Alderman Beatty for the Board of Aldermen to approve the Resolution, the Board of Aldermen voted after discussion, in favor of the foregoing resolution as follows:

Ward 1	Kim Moreland	yea
Ward 2	Sandra Sistrunk	yea
Ward 3	Jeffrey Rupp	absent
Ward 4	Mike Brooks	yea
Ward 5	Hamp Beatty	yea
Ward 6, Vice Mayor	Roy A'. Perkins	yea
Ward 7	Henry S. Vaughn	yea

This the 26th day of March, 2024

D. Lynn Spruill, Mayor

Attest:

Lesa Hardin

Lesa Hardin, City Clerk

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3. MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Alderman Sistrunk offered a motion, seconded by Alderman Beatty, to adjourn the Special Call meeting. The Board voted as follows:

Alderman Ben Carver	Voted: Yea
Alderman Sandra Sistrunk	Voted: Yea
Alderman Jeffrey Rupp	Voted: Absent
Alderman Mike Brooks	Voted: Yea
Alderman Hamp Beatty	Voted: Yea
Alderman Roy A'. Perkins	Voted: Yea
Alderman Henry Vaughn, Sr.	Voted: Yea

Having received a majority affirmative vote, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

SIGNED AND SEALED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2024

Attest:

D. LYNN SPRUILL, MAYOR

Lesa Hardin, City Clerk

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