

**Minutes  
Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Special Call Board Meeting**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

1:00 PM

NATCHEZ CONVENTION CENTER  
& VIA TELECONFERENCE

Board Secretary, Sevetrius Dillon

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer by Mayor Dan M. Gibson
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Present: Mayor Dan Gibson  
Alderwoman Valencia Hall  
Alderman Billie Joe Frazier  
Alderwoman Sarah Carter-Smith  
Alderwoman Felicia Bridgewater-Irving  
Alderman Benjamin Davis – By Phone  
Alderman Daniel Dillard – By Phone

Also Present: Attorney, Bryan Callaway  
Servia Fortenberry- City Clerk

Mayor announced that bids had been open by the independent committee for debris monitoring and that this is necessary for getting our City cleaned after the ice storm. He asked Justin Dollar, Public Works Director, for a report on the debris monitoring proposals.

Mr. Dollar explained that on last Thursday they received proposals for debris monitoring. Mr. Callaway, City Attorney; Sam Mohon and Justin Dollar reviewed two proposals, one from Volterk and the other from Debris Tech. The committee recommended Debris Tech for debris monitoring for the City of Natchez. The Mayor explained that this is for debris from our ice storm, this does not include new debris. The debris must be piled on the side of the street on the City's right-of-way. Alderman Frazier requested that Concord Park be the first on the list.

#223:05/21

A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderwoman Hall to award Debris Tech the contract for debris monitoring and further authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#224:05/21

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to adopt an ordinance amending **littering fine** to **\$500** and posting of signs throughout the City. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#225:05/21

A motion was made by Alderwoman Hall, seconded by Alderwoman Smith to **approve the Cemetery Road Erosion Project and award the contract to G Rayborn Contractor, LLC.** Hayden Kaiser reported that there has been more erosion and part of the hill is falling off. A wall will have to be erected for stabilization. The Mayor stated the project will cost about 1.6 million, we have been approved for **\$1,200,000** (one million two hundred thousand), and the **\$400,000** (four hundred thousand) will have to come from funds that the City has that have been sitting idle. Alderman Dillard recommended taking the fund from the Capital Improvement funds. **The vote carried unanimously.**

#226:05/21

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard, seconded by Alderwoman Irving to ask Adams County to assist with Cemetery Road Erosion Project. **The vote carried with the Board voting as follows:**

Alderwoman Hall: Nay  
Alderman Frazier: Aye  
Alderwoman Smith: Aye  
Alderwoman Irving: Aye  
Alderman Davis: Aye  
Alderman Dillard: Aye

#227:05/21

#### **North Natchez Drainage**

##### **Section 592 – US Army Corps of Engineers**

At the recommendation of the City's consulting engineer Tramone Smith, staff is recommending the approval of **Change Order #8**, totaling **\$22,550.00** and adding three (3) working days to the contract to alter a drain pipe at the intersection of Inez & Daisy Street due to an unforeseen sewage line being discovered at this intersection and running parallel with Daisy Street. This work activity also includes the removal of concrete with the installation of the drain pipe. Note – funds for this change order will be deducted from Contingencies, leaving a contingency balance of **\$103,771.43**.

***Motion by Alderman Frazier, second by Alderwoman Irving, the vote carried unanimously.***

#228:05/21

#### **Project Hometown**

##### **Development Infrastructure Program (DIP) for Overlay of Access Road**

##### **MS Development Authority**

The City of Natchez, as grantee, is in receipt of the above-mentioned grant agreement benefiting **Project Hometown** for the overlay of the needed access road (i.e. road improvements) in turn for the creation of thirty (30) jobs. Grant amount totals **\$111,176.00** with the city providing in-kind services – app prep, administration, and Natchez Public Works preparing the site for the overlay.

A motion is being requested to accept the grant and to allow the mayor to sign the cooperative agreement and related documents, subject to the review and approval of the city attorney. ***Motion by Alderwoman Smith, second by Alderwoman Hall, the vote carried with the Board voting as follows:***

Alderwoman Hall: Aye  
Alderman Frazier: Nay  
Alderwoman Smith: Aye  
Alderwoman Irving: Aye  
Alderman Davis: Aye  
Alderman Dillard: Aye

#229:05/21

#### **Cemetery Road Erosion Control**

##### **Emergency Watershed Program (EWP)**

##### **Natural Resource Conservation Service**

Staff is requesting a motion to execute a contract with G. Rayborn Contracting, LLC to correct a severe erosion issue on Cemetery Road. The value of the contract totals **\$1,596,655.00** with the NRCS contributing **\$1.2M** and the City share totaling **\$396,655.00**.

***Motion by Alderwoman Hall, second by Alderwoman Smith, the vote carried unanimously.***

**2021 Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant  
Environmental Protection Agency**

FYI- The City of Natchez received notification this past Tuesday afternoon that our coalition app was one of three (3) state funded applications during the 2021 program cycle. Our coalition partners include Adams County and FOR Natchez. The grant award totals \$492,000.00, with no local match. Effective date is expected to be 10.1.21. Staff will work to develop work plan and cooperative agreement so that a formal grant award can be executed.

**Adjourn**

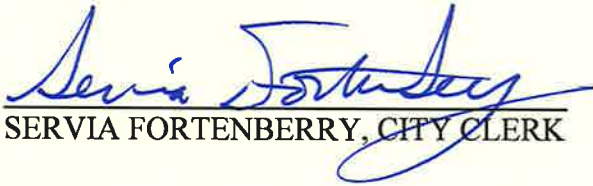
A motion was made by Alderwoman Smith, seconded by Alderman Davis to adjourn the Special Call Board Meeting of May 18, 2021 at 1:36 P.M. **The vote carried unanimously.**



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DAN M. GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SERVIA FORTENBERRY, CITY CLERK

