



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 15, 2025
6:00 PM CST

Call to Order.

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Liese called the meeting to order.

Invocation - Councilmember Maher

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PRESENT

Mayor Anna Liese

Councilmember-At-Large Gerard Maher

Ward 1 Shane Finley

Ward 2 Ricky Sheppard

Ward 3 Jessie Harwood

Ward 4 Austin Clark

Confirm or Adjust Agenda Order

Motion made by Mayor Liese, Seconded by Councilmember-At-Large Maher to adjust the agenda with the following additions and corrections.

2025-164: Motion to approve Second Amendment to the Sublease agreement made effective as of March 17, 2025 for the Dog Park Property with Ochsner Medical Center - Hancock, LLC (Sublandlord).

2025-165: Motion to approve amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for FY22 GOMESA Funding Award.

2025-166: Motion to award the bid received for the purchase of a new backhoe to Lee Tractor Company in the amount of \$111,400.00

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation Agenda.

- a. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

City Manager's Report.

CITY MANAGER REPORT
July 15, 2025

1. Kome Drive & Kalipekona Pond – The project is currently for 157 days with a current end date of July 17th. A change order is being presented tonight for approval to extend the contract for 31 additional days due to weather delays experienced by the company. The new end date if

approved will be August 17, 2025. The project is nearing completion. The road damage incurred during this project will be addressed by the contractor.

2. MDOT Projects – The final ramp is complete and open. The contractor is nearing completion of the final roundabout and the final lift of asphalt. During this final phase, please drive carefully in the construction area as debris, lane shifts and delays are expected.
3. Dog Park – I have provided the engineer's final plans for you to look over. The FY26 budget will include the current donations. I would like to add an additional \$40,000 to next year's budget to complete the project. Public Works will continue clearing the land and will work to start clearing the area to reroute the ditch as designed.
4. Paving 2025 – The contractor has completed the base repairs along Bayou Drive. They will move to Lola Drive to start base repairs while the new material has time to settle. Project is 90 days with a current end date of September 21st. The contractor has been asked to keep the intersection of Bayou Drive and Diamondhead Drive clean of debris during construction. A complete schedule can be found on the city's website.
5. Coon Branch – The project is 180 days with a current end date of December 13th. The contractor has started the project and will work on the culvert between Koloa Street and Kahana Street.
6. Canal Dredging – The project is out for bid. All bids are due August 13, 2025.
7. Jourdan River Boardwalk – Our monthly meeting with MDEQ is scheduled for tomorrow. The final plans have been given to MDEQ for their review and comments. Once we have approval, we will request permission to advertise.
8. Montjoy Creek – The engineer has sent the revised plans to MS DMR/USACE with the sediment trap updates. We have a meeting scheduled for the 28th to discuss the project and finalize design and answer any final questions.
9. HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
 - a. The city conducted the reverse auction. We are currently reviewing them and will determine the next steps are with FEMA/MEMA. The state is currently requesting a Period of Performance extension to add time to the disaster declaration to allow enough time for the city to complete the project.
 - b. Rostan is trying to contact the last resident to determine if they are still interested in the buyout program. Once this is determined, new appraisals will be needed.
10. Bank Stabilization – **No update on this meeting.** The engineers are finalizing the analysis on the Phase 1 design. Phase one will cover the area from Diamondhead Drive North to Kalipekona Pond. The rear ditch will require additional easement for access.
11. Rotten Bayou Nature Trail – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has redesigned this project into five phases. The funding is already secured for phase 1. The engineer is working on the phase 1 design.
12. Pelican Cove Drainage Project – **No update on this meeting.** The engineer has additional surveying to complete and will finalize the drawing for this project.

Public Comments on Agenda Items. - None

Council Comments.

Policy Agenda.**Minutes:**

1. Motion to approve July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Resolutions:**

2. **2025-156:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-033 thereby appointing Mayor Liese as Voting Delegate and Councilmember Finley as First Alternate to serve as Mississippi Municipal League 2025 Voting Delegates.

Motion made by Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Seconded by Ward 2 Sheppard to adopt Resolution 2025-033 thereby appointing Mayor Liese as Voting Delegate and Councilmember Finley as First Alternate to serve as Mississippi Municipal League 2025 Voting Delegates.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

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Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve the following consent items:

3. **2025-157:** Motion to enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement with United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection Services (APHIS) and Wildlife Services (WS) in the amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the period July 15, 2025 - July 14, 2026 for wildlife damage management services as needed.
4. **2025-158:** Motion to approve to advertise for bids for the 2025 Annual Unit Price Repair Contract.
5. **2025-159:** Motion to approve payment to Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$4504.50 for Coon Branch Drainage, in the amount of \$3,728.75 for Montjoy Creek Nature Trail, in the amount of \$230.00 for Jourdan River Boardwalk, and in the amount of \$2,442.50 for Rotten Bayou Nature Trail.
6. **2025-160:** Motion to approve payment to Covington Civil & Environmental, LLC in the amount of \$8,500.00 for Fairway and Kome Drive Project.
7. **2025-162:** Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for thirty-one (31) additional calendar days to the contract with JLB Contractors, LLC, for the Kome Drive and Kalipekona Pond Drainage Project for a completion date of August 17, 2025 with no change to contract price.
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Action Agenda.

11. **2025-163:** Motion to request the Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a public hearing to remove the special condition "Permitted only on weekends from 5 pm Friday until 30 minutes after sunset Sunday" for open house/real estate signs. (Sheppard)

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 1 Finley to request the Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a public hearing to remove the special condition "Permitted only on weekends from 5 pm Friday until 30 minutes after sunset Sunday" for open house/real estate signs.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember-At-Large Maher

MOTION CARRIED

Routine Agenda.

Claims Payable

12. Motion to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232949 - DKT232988) in the amount of \$232,123.14.

Motion made by Ward 1 Finley, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to approve Docket of Claims (DKT232949 - DKT232988) in the amount of \$232,123.14.

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Department Reports

Motion made by Ward 2 Sheppard, Seconded by Ward 4 Clark to approve department reports.

- a. Court

Police

Building

Code Enforcement

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Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items. - None

Council Closing Comments

Executive Session - If Necessary

Adjourn/Recess.

At 6:23 p.m. with no further business to come before the council. motion made by Ward 4 Clark, Seconded by Ward 3 Harwood to recess until July 29, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Voting Yea: Mayor Liese, Councilmember-At-Large Maher, Ward 1 Finley, Ward 2 Sheppard, Ward 3 Harwood, Ward 4 Clark

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Anna Liese
Mayor

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk