



**Board Agenda
Monday, July 27, 2026
4:00 PM**

Board Members:

Mayor Orlando W. Paden
Commissioners Ray Sykes
Jimmy Harris
Eddie Earl
Linda C. Downing

Department Heads:

City Clerk	Laketha Covington
Police Chief	Vince Ramirez
Fire Chief	Charles Lane
Public Works	David Walker
City Attorney	Melvin Miller

Call to Order

Roll Call

Stand for Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Department Head Comments

City Clerk -

Police -

Fire -

Public Works -

Personnel -

Grant Writer -

City Attorney -

Commissioner Comments

Ward 1 -

Ward 2 -

Ward 3 -

Ward 4 -

Discussion: Park Commission Swimming Pool

Clarksdale Public Utilities (CPU)

Discussion about water quality

Mayor's Comments

Community Comments

Kenya Arnold

Requesting a sound permit for a backyard gathering on August 8, 2026 8p.m.- 12a.m., no streets will need to be blocked off

Justin Gates- Riverside Hotel

Requesting street closure and use of the McLaurin Park near 610 Sunflower Ave for a Back-to-School bash on August 1, 2026

Tony Barnes

Discussion about how long his water has been tainted

New Business

Old Business

City Clerk

Incidental Expense

Permission to partially reimburse the Incidental Expense account for the month of July in the amount of \$3,849.87

Miscellaneous Claims

Permission to pay the following miscellaneous claims:

Smith & Weiland \$700.00

Catalis \$1,999.62

BDO Accounting Firm \$12,120.00

TinkerBell Bouncy Service \$275.00 (Park Commission Fun Day)

Neel-Schaffer \$7,999.00

Homer Braylock- Blue Cross with Matthew Brinson & Arttie Armstrong

Group Medical Insurance

Blue Cross and Med Plus Renewal 2026

How to manage insurance cost and benefits

Sasse Street Park Donation

Permission to accept the donation value of \$15,600.00 from the Aim for Change program via MSU Extension for the Sasse Street Park

Items for the project are:

- "Let's Play" painted in the street
- Kids at Play Signs - 2
- Bike rack - 1
- Benches - 6
- Picnic table/seating with umbrellas - 5
- Planters - 3
- Trash receptacles - 3
- Restriping of the basketball court

Board Appointments**Housing Authority**

Ward 4

George Fields- expires 07.30.2026

Planning Commission

Mayor

Debra Brown- expires 08.12.2026

Ward 2

Laurie Bullock- expires 08.12.2026

Ward 3

Farrington Hill- acknowledge resignation

Community Service Work Program

Permission to issue a warrant for a 2026 Chevrolet Express 3500- 15 passenger van in the amount of \$51,420.00 on state contract via Cannon and supplies from Mid-South Farm Supply for the community service work program

Sunflower Riverwalk Invoices

Permission to issue a warrant for the following invoices for the Sunflower Riverwalk project:

1. Sid Coleman Construction - Boardwalk Progress payment - \$20,537.62
2. OLU Fence Co. - Boardwalk Post Install Progress payment - \$5,006.50
3. Coahoma Collective - Expense Reimbursement - Construction debris removal - \$525.00
4. Kelly Septic - Portable Toilet - \$62.50

Sunflower Riverwalk Reimbursement

Acknowledge receipt of the Sunflower Riverwalk reimbursement in the amount of \$47,969.43

Sunflower Riverwalk Bridge Abutment Bid

Acknowledge all bids received for the Sunflower Riverwalk Bridge Abutment have been rejected due to being over budget and submission deficiencies; permission to re-bid for the pedestrian bridge abutment:

Walton Construction \$161,977.00

Timbo's Construction \$197,390.00

Shelter Construction \$223,750.44

Carnegie Library Roof Repair Phase 2 Pay App 1

Authorization to issue a warrant to the Carnegie Public Library for the Roof Repair project Phase 2 Pay App 1 in the amount of \$61,529.12 [half of \$123,058.25]

Billy Stein- Southern Duplicating

Presenting a proposal for a renewed lease agreement for the City's printer fleet with Southern Duplicating

Police Department

Sworn Under Oath

Permission for Corporal Rachel Harper to be sworn under oath for Deputy Municipal Court Clerk for affidavits

Fire Department**Public Works****Personnel****Status Changes**

Acknowledge the following status changes:

Fire Department

Antrale Newson- 4% longevity increase effective 7/28/26

Bentavious Galmore- completion of 1 year as firefighter II effective 7/31/26

Christopher Williams- offer employment

Police Department

Jamaria Young- hire contingent as patrol officer upon passing pre-employment screenings

Clerk's Office

Anne Marie Blakes- hire contingent as deputy clerk upon passing pre-employment screenings

Grant Writer**Sunflower Sidewalk Project Reimbursement**

Acknowledge the reimbursements received from MDOT for the Sunflower Riverwalk Project grant in the amount of \$547,235.07

MDAH Community Heritage Preservation Grant

Authorization to apply for the MDAH Community Heritage Preservation Grant for the Civic Auditorium

Spruce Street Drainage CE&I Contract

Approve the CE&I contract with Neel Schaffer for the DRA portion of the Spruce Street Drainage project

City Attorney**Planning Commission Minutes**

Acknowledge receipt of the planning commission minutes:

1. Hope Gray on behalf of Hope Little Angel LLC-recommends approval for conditional use requesting to open a daycare at 745 Lincoln Plane, currently zoned C-2, Highway Commercial

Set Property Hearing

Permission to the set hearing for following properties:

1. 1212 Cheyenne
2. 1304 Cheyenne
3. 431 Oakhurst
4. 536 Pecan
5. 505, 517, 533 Prince Street
6. 512, 516, 522, 530 Prince Street
7. 508, 520, 534 Florida

Property Hearing

The following properties have scheduled and noticed hearings for July 27, 2026:

1. 104 11th
2. 113 14th
3. 139 18th
4. 502 Grant Place
5. 520 Coahoma Avenue
6. 520 East Tallahatchie Street
7. 630 Lincoln Place
8. 825 Lincoln Place

Executive Session**Go Into Closed Session**

Go into closed session for discussion to determine whether to go into Executive Session

Return to Open Meeting

Return to open meeting to make the declaration of going into Executive Session

Go into Executive Session

Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body- Litigation

Transaction of business and discussions regarding employment or job performance of a person in a specific position or termination of an employee holding a specific position- Personnel in the Public Works Dept

Come Out of Executive Session**Meeting Conclusion**

Recess

Thursday, August 6 at 12p.m.