

**RECESSED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017, AT 4:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a recessed regular meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Blevins called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Harry J. Blevins  
Councilwoman Brenda Simkins  
Councilman David Tadlock  
Councilman Burt Hill  
Councilman Scott Tipton

City Manager Joe Huffman  
City Attorney Eddie Williams  
Asst. City Clerk Karen Kennedy  
City Clerk/Comptroller Robert J. Parker.

Councilman Marvin Pickett, Sr. was absent.  
Councilman Freddy Jackson was absent.

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Mayor Blevins welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilman Hill. The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilwoman Simkins.

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**The consent agenda was considered at this time:**

The first item for consideration was a request to advertise the resources of the City through the Pine Burr Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2017 Friends of Scouting for \$250.00, as presented by Eddie Williams, City Attorney.

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**Pine Burr Area Council**  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 7, 2017

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City of Pascagoula  
PO Box 908  
Pascagoula, MS 39568 0908

Dear Friends:

Please come help local Friends of Scouting honor Mr. Alan Sudduth and Father Mike Kelleher on March 14th at 6:00 p.m., Grand Magnolia Ballroom, Pascagoula.

Every week across our nation, millions of Scouts raise their hand and make a promise. This promise represents a lifelong commitment to the community they share and to themselves. With each success, their confidence, self-reliance and sense of worth become stronger. That strength helps them to make the right choices as they are confronted with difficult challenges.

The success of Scouting depends on those who support it. That includes the work of adult volunteers, the encouragement of parents and the financial assistance of Friends of Scouting.

Each year the Friends of Scouting hold a fund raising dinner to honor a member of our community who has supported scouting as well as to raise funds to ensure that we are able to continue providing a quality scouting program on the Gulf Coast.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Pascagoula Friends of Scouting Dinner on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:00pm at the Grand Magnolia Ballroom & Suites, 3604 Magnolia Street, in Pascagoula. Please be our guest for some good food, fellowship and an opportunity to make a financial donation to this most worthwhile organization.

Following dinner, we will be honoring **Mr. Alan Sudduth and Father Mike Kelleher** for their continued support and dedication to scouting.

Please RSVP by calling Alice Goff at 228-935-7071 or via email at [alice.goff@hii-ingalls.com](mailto:alice.goff@hii-ingalls.com).

Sincerely,

Rick Spaulding

**Steering Committee:**

Steve Renfro  
Peter Muncie

Quentin Hardage  
Dorothy Shaw

Jim Blevins  
Rogena Woods-Mitchell

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Councilwoman Simkins made a motion to approve advertising the resources of the City through the Pine Burr Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2017 Friends of Scouting for \$250.00, as presented and authorize a manual check. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tadlock and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins “AYE”. Councilmen Hill “AYE”, Jackson “ABSENT”, Pickett “ABSENT”, Simkins “AYE”, Tadlock “AYE”, and Tipton “AYE”. (Approved 2-22-17)

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The next item for consideration was a request to advertise the resources of the City through the Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter Pets – Paddle for Paws for \$200.00, as presented by Eddie Williams, City Attorney.

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Ocean Springs, MS 39564



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Jackson County, Mississippi

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To: Eddie Williams, City Attorney

Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter Pets is planning its Inaugural "Paddle for Paws Poker Float" that will take place on March 25. The paddle fundraiser will begin and end at River Park in Pascagoula (if approved by the City) and include four additional stops along the Pascagoula River. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of our organization and funds for the hundreds of animals FJCASP rescues each year, and to have a fun time with other animal lovers.



We are really excited about this event and have already begun promoting among kayaking groups. We are hoping for a great turnout and your assistance would be appreciated in making it a success. **Along with the approval of our Land Use Request, we also would like invite the City to advertise city resources with a contribution of \$200 for the cause.**

FJCASP is a dedicated animal rescue with the mission of saving animals from the Jackson County Animal Shelter and giving them new hope and life. **Last year FJCASP pulled 331 dogs and 145 cats from the Shelter in Gautier, MS.** The animals we pull receive full vetting and other treatments they may need. In 2016, we spent more than \$9K in medicine/vacs, \$17K in shelter pull fees, and \$30K in vet bills (including treatment for 27 dogs who tested positive for heartworms). When healthy and ready, the animals are adopted locally or transported to one of the many rescue organizations we work with across the Country that are diligently seeking the very best forever homes for our animals.

Without the help of fosters, volunteers, and donors we would not be able to make this mission possible. **ALL – 100% of - donations and proceeds from events like this are used solely for the animals' needs** and are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

**For the \$200 contribution**, we will include your name/logo on banners, social media and other promotional items (ie. T-shirts). If you could **please email [fjcasppfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:fjcasppfundraiser@gmail.com) or contact the volunteer listed below** to ensure your name/logo is included.

Thank-you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

*Tammy Harris*

Tammy Harris  
FJCASP Board President

**Requesting Volunteer:**  
Nicole Grundel - 228-990-3331

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The next item for consideration was a Resolution in support of local and private legislation authorizing the operation of golf carts on the streets and avenues of the City, as recommended by Eddie Williams, City Attorney.

The Resolution is spread on the minutes as follows:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL AND PRIVATE  
LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF  
GOLF CARTS ON THE STREETS AND AVENUES OF  
THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Pascagoula has been apprised of the fact that many residents desire to commute short distances within their neighborhoods by means of electric golf carts; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety officials have advised the City Council that the operation of such vehicles on the City streets and avenues can be safely effectuated through a properly drafted ordinance regulating the operation of such vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Department of the City is in favor of authorizing such use in an attempt to promote community spirit and the engagement of the City's resources by its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, inasmuch as traffic regulations are preempted by State law and it will be necessary to pursue local and private legislation to authorize the operation of golf carts on the City's street and avenues:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby declares its support for the passage of legislation authorizing the operation of golf carts on the streets and avenues of the City.

**SECTION 2.** Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is a proposed local and private statute embodying the intent of the City Council in this endeavor.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager shall see to it that certified copies of this resolution and its attachment are sent forthwith to our local legislative delegation, with the request that the delegation pursue passage of a statute substantially in the form of the proposed enactment attached hereto.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND STREETS WITHIN THE CITY; TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OPERATING A GOLF CART TO HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

**SECTION 1.** As used in this act, unless a different meaning clearly appears in the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "City" means the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

(b) "Governing authorities" means the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

(c) "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is designated and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty five (25) miles per hour and is equipped with a parking brake, head lamps, tail lamps, seat belts, and front and rear turn signals.

**SECTION 2.** (1) The governing authorities of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, may, in their discretion, authorize the operation of golf carts only on public roads and streets that are within residential neighborhoods and other areas designated by ordinance within the city limits of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi. Such authorization must be embodied in an ordinance and recorded on the minutes of the city council. Such authorization may be accompanied by conditions not inconsistent with this act and may be revoked, in whole or in part, by the governing authorities at any time.

(2) Any person operating a golf cart on the public roads and streets under this act must have in his or her possession a valid driver's license or temporary driver's permit and proof of financial responsibility as required under Section 63-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(3) Golf carts may not be operated on urban interstate highways, urban freeways and expressways, urban principal arterial streets or urban minor arterial streets as defined by the comprehensive plan of the city except for the crossing of these streets, in which case the shortest travelling distance to do so shall be required. Drivers are required to operate golf carts only in the outside lane of multi-lane streets and roads, when applicable.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above Resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Simkins, seconded for adoption by Councilman Tadlock, and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins "AYE", Councilmen Hill "AYE", Jackson "ABSENT", Pickett "ABSENT", Simkins "AYE", Tadlock "AYE", and Tipton "AYE". The Mayor then declared the Resolution adopted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.

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A general discussion was held regarding utility work, parking, sidewalks, medians and other factors related to the improvement priorities on Market Street. The Council received input from Pascagoula Pride concerning the landscaping currently located on Market Street.

No official action was taken at the meeting today.

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There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Councilman Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tipton and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins "AYE". Councilmen Hill "AYE", Jackson "ABSENT", Pickett "ABSENT", Simkins "AYE", Tadlock "AYE", and Tipton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 5:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Harry J. Blevins, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Kennedy, Asst. City Clerk