

Tuesday  
February 4, 2014  
Gautier, Mississippi

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A REGULAR MEETING** of the Mayor and Members of the Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi was held February 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Municipal Building, 3330 Highway 90, Gautier, Mississippi.

Those present were Mayor Gordon Gollott, Council Members Mary Martin, Johnny Jones, Hurley Ray Guillotte, Casey Vaughan, Rusty Anderson, Adam Colledge, City Manager Samantha Abell, City Clerk Cynthia Russell, City Attorney Charlie McVea and other concerned citizens.

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**REVISED AGENDA**  
**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**February 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order
  - 1 Prayer
  - 2 Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Agenda Order Approval
- III. Announcements
  - 1 Gautier Youth Baseball & Softball Registration January 13<sup>th</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 Office closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day
  - 3 Gautier Men's Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Parade Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm
- IV. Presentation Agenda
  - 1 **Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation to the Gautier Garden Club by Mayor Gollott**
  - 2 **City Manager's Annual Report**
- V. Public Agenda
  - 1 Agenda Comments
- VI. Business Agenda
  - 1 Ratification of a Proclamation declaring Local Emergency
  - 2 Conduct public hearing (Quasi-Judicial Procedures) to consider 3824 Kendal Drive as a menace to public health, safety and welfare
  - 3 Conduct public hearing (Quasi-Judicial Procedures) to consider 2209 Laural Glen Road as a menace to public health, safety and welfare
  - 4 Resolution authorizing Gautier Men's Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras Parade In-Kind Services and Financial Support Request

- 5 Order authorizing Gautier Streetscape Ph. 3 STP-0494-00(008)LPA/106378-701000 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Amendment No. 1
- 6 Order approving City Council Selection of a firm for Professional Design Services for Public Works Back Building Repairs (Hurricane Katrina Project #4214)
- 7 Resolution approving revisions to the Schedule of Authorized Positions
- 8 **Order authorizing notice of termination to City's probationary provider, Court Programs, Inc.**
- 9 Order approving Docket of Claims
- 10 **Resolution supporting the repeal of Senate House Bill No. 3100, Section 42 Housing Law**
- 11 **Resolution requesting that the Legislature approve a local and private bill to authorize the governing authorities to levy a tax on the gross receipts of restaurants and bars and related purposes**

VII. Consent Agenda **(All items approved in one motion)**

- 1 Order approving Minutes from Recessed Council Meeting held January 21, 2014
- 2 Order approving Minutes from Civil Service Meetings held August 8, 2013; September 12, 2013; October 10, 2013; October 31, 2013 and November 14, 2013
- 3 Order approving November 2013 Utility Adjustments
- 4 Order authorizing submittal of Transportation Enhancement Grant

**STUDY AGENDA  
CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
February 4, 2014**

- 1 Discuss Citizen Comments
- 2 Discuss Council Comments
- 3 Discuss City Manager Comments
- 4 Discuss City Clerk Comments
- 5 Discuss City Attorney Comments

**Recess until February 18, 2014 @ 6:30 PM**  
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Motion was made by Councilwoman Mary Martin to approve the revised agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Colledge and unanimously carried.

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- 4 Dedication for "The Bark Park" at Shepard Park Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

# Gautier Youth Baseball & Softball

## Registration is Now Open !!!

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**January 13, 2014 – February 28, 2014**

For questions regarding the league, registration, or to volunteer, contact Danny Buford, the District Commissioner by email to [bufordd@bellsouth.net](mailto:bufordd@bellsouth.net) or call (228) 219-7386 or (228) 522-0315.



**TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:**

WHEREAS, the Legislature has designated the third Monday of February as the day for the observance of the birthday of GEORGE WASHINGTON, and under the provisions of Section 3-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi;

THEREFORE, all officers and employees of the State of Mississippi are authorized and empowered, at the discretion of the executive head of the department or agency, to close their respective offices in observance of the holiday on

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014**

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office at Jackson, Mississippi, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014.



*C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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**City of Gautier**

# Press Release

The City of Gautier & Ingalls Shipbuilding will host a dedication for “The Bark Park”, located at Shepard Park. Third graders from Martin Bluff Elementary approached the Gautier Mayor and Council with their request for a dog park to be built in the City of Gautier. Students forewent recess to write letters draw pictures and draft dioramas of dog park designs. Students also collected funds at a lemonade stand and presented to Council. This idea was accepted by Mayor Gordon Gollott and the City Council and put into action through community partnership with Ingalls Day of Caring 2013 and Martin Bluff Elementary students. Please join us to celebrate this community partnership.

For a list of dog park rules and allowable breeds, click here [Shepard Park Bark Park Rules](#)

What: Dedication for “The Bark Park” located at Shepard Park

When: Friday, February 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

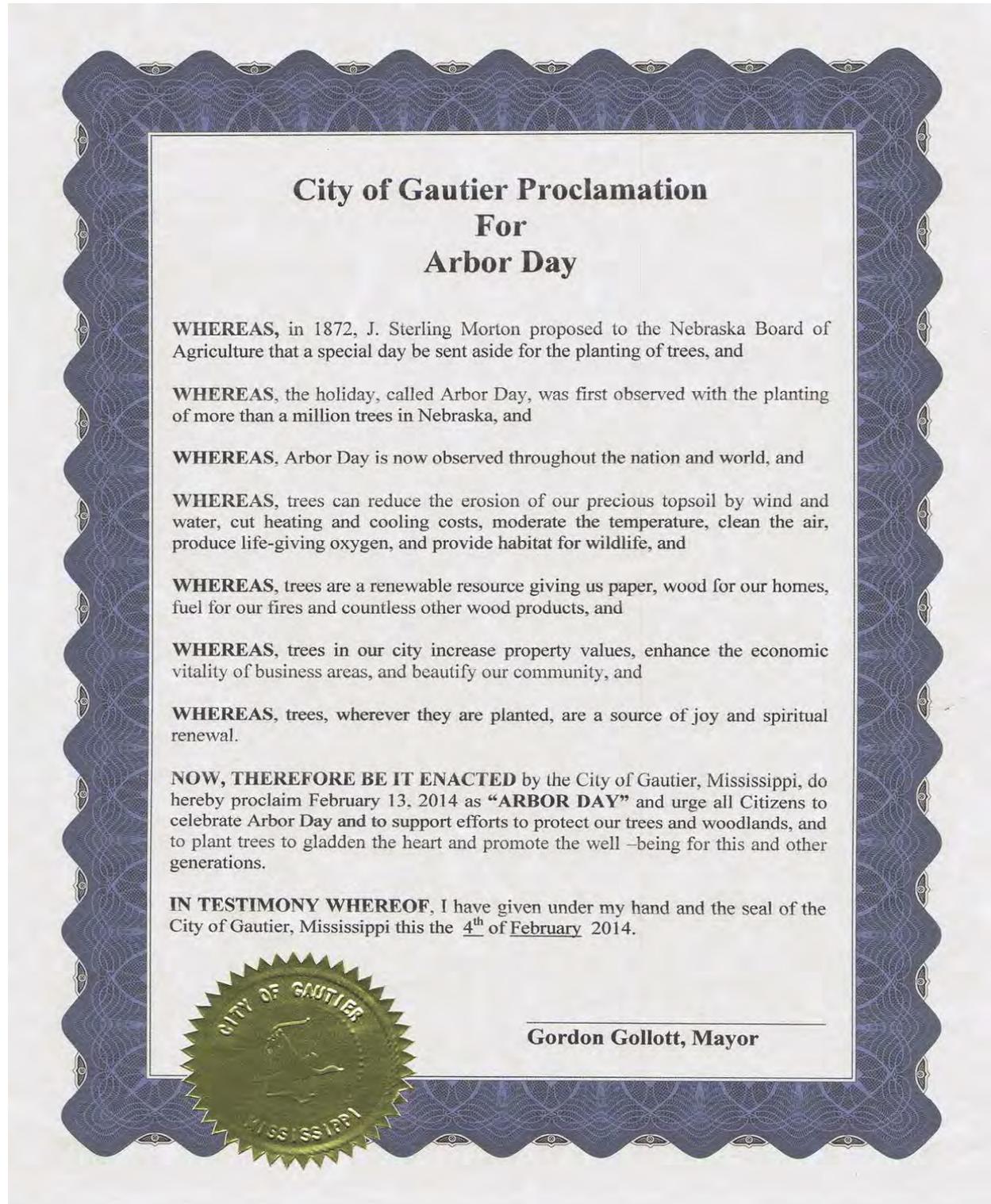
Where: Shepard Park 1034 Graveline Rd, Gautier, MS 39553

**For immediate release.**

**Presentation**

- 1 **Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation to the Gautier Garden Club by Mayor Gollott**
- 2 **City Manager's Annual Report**

**Motion was made by Councilwoman Martin to accept the City Manager's Annual Report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and unanimously carried.**



## 2013 Annual CM Report

### For the Year Starting January 1

The “2013 Annual CM Report” marks the second occasion that the Gautier City Manager has produced an annual report-type document. As part of the City’s efforts to communicate about local government and provide a greater level of transparency, we are producing an annual report that provides both a review of the prior year’s challenges and accomplishments and a look-forward for the upcoming year.

In addition to providing information to the public about what’s happening in the community, the annual report again acknowledges the important role that volunteers play when serving on City boards and commissions. This year we continue to increase recruitment efforts for volunteer service to the community.

The City of Gautier remains focused on making continuous improvements to services and programs for our residents, businesses and visitors. Distinctive neighborhoods, growing business districts, renowned educational institutions, superlative waterfront parks and nature preserves, award-winning sustainability efforts, a strong commitment to historic preservation, festive events and recreational opportunities are helping Gautier to grow. Sales tax continues to increase, along with the numbers of building permits, school-aged children, and business licenses.

“2013 was a year most notable for the city’s significant progresses in infrastructure. At the same time, we’re strengthening neighborhood services, parks and recreation, and continuing our economic development success.”

-City Manager, Samantha Abell

In September 2013, with 5 of 7 seats filled with returning incumbents, the City Council underwent its first annual review of the city’s 5-Year Strategic Plan. The Council also adopted a Council-Manager Roles and Responsibilities Manual now in distribution by the Mississippi Municipal League. With these solid goals and communication plan, we have aligned many city services for increased efficiency and savings.

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## Infrastructure

Like the rest of the Coast, Gautier has identified the need for improved drainage and channel restoration as critical for preventing flooding and preserving our natural habitats. Drainage improvements will aid with shoreline protection/restoration improved recreation opportunities, increased tourism, and allows the continuation of a viable seafood industry for future generations. The City Council contracted with a service provider to operate and maintain (O&M) the city's public works, including routine annual maintenance on major drainage ways. The service provider's parent engineering company continues to inspect miles of drainage ditches south of HWY 90 for upcoming improvements made possible by 2013 state funds and the O&M contract. Additionally, in 2013 the City surveyed drainage improvements in the Hickory Hills neighborhood also to be funded by 2013 state funds.



Gautier City Manager talks shoreline restoration with MDEQ Executive Director, Trudy Fisher

The Graveline Bayou Restoration Project is an initiative spearheaded by citizens committed to the restoration of this important oyster reef and major drainage basin to the Sound. The project has been awarded Tidelands Funds for a restoration plan, and the city manager coordinated several notable meetings in 2013 between regional, state and federal authorities including the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, Trudy Fisher.

Also in 2013, MDOT granted Gautier request for improved lighting along our two interstate corridors into the city. In addition to improved lighting which will increase visitor traffic, MDOT is now installing traffic lights at Gautier-Vancleave Road/I-10 and also has plans for a park and ride facility for commuters.

Gautier's clear water ion exchange filtration system is fully designed and funded. The regional permit process to discharge treated water into the sewer system has been in review since last June. Once approved from the regional authority, this project can be bid out and fast underway. In 2012, the City refinanced old utility bonds for a lower interest rate, passing the savings towards the purchase of the water filtration system so that clear water will result in NO additional charge to residents. And best yet, with the routine treatment of the water system by the city's new O&M provider, already has residents experiencing improved water clarity.

Innovation and creative problem-solving continue to be a keystone of Gautier management. Gautier has recently undergone an energy performance audit in order to find cost-savings energy upgrades. This project will allow for the newest technology in water meters, providing internet-based customer service to residents and reliable service, in addition to other city system energy upgrades. This project was made possible by the Mississippi Development Authority's Energy and Natural Resources Division. Look for new meters and improved hi-tech service in 2014.

### **Streets**

In 2013, Gautier made major strides on the Martin Bluff Road widening project. In April, a field review was conducted with MDOT and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission. The outcome of that review is that Martin Bluff Road will now have a 10' wide multi-use pathway, a wide "green belt", in addition to improved lighting, a decorative median, wider roads, and turn lanes. The improvements will extend on Martin Bluff Road from Gautier-Vanceleave north to Martin Bluff Elementary School. The project has now entered the Right-of-Way acquisition stage. The City is now applying for a grant to continue the multi-use pathway from an upcoming park-and ride facility at Gautier-Vanceleave Road and Frontage Road eastward to Martin Bluff Road.

The traffic roundabout, fountain, and sculpture were completed behind the mall as part of the Streetscape Project. The roundabout will be a wonderful complement to the mall redevelopment and the development of the new Lowe's outparcels.

Additionally, Gautier has installed "share the roadway" bicycle safety signs in neighborhoods such as Hickory Hills and Point Clear, with plans to continue this year.

### **Awards and Accolades**

For its efforts to retain a much sought after plastics company along the I-10 Corridor, Gautier received a MEDC Community Economic Development Award for Business Retention and Expansion, February of 2013. This February, Gautier will again receive a MEDC Award, for the Town Center Streetscape Project branding the city as "Nature's Playground". The streetscape's dedication ceremony was held March 22, 2013. Gautier also received a Municipal Excellence Award for Community Spirit at the Mississippi Municipal League Conference, July 2013. Finally, Gautier's City Manager Samantha Abell became a