

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2012

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 2012. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Hagan were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Reverend Barnett gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to add the Addendum to the Agenda. The Mayor also included a report on the 2% bond projects under Old Business.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the week of April 2-6, 2012 as Junior Auxiliary Week.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Donovan Scruggs presented the proposed redistricting map. Mr. Scruggs reported the committee met to formulate the new ward map. The public hearing has been scheduled for April 17, 2012, for official input from citizens in Ocean Springs. He also explained the process. Each ward has a target population of 2,907 and no aldermen were displaced from the ward they are currently representing. There was discussion concerning relocating voting precincts.

OLD BUSINESS – Addendum

The Mayor presented a memo concerning the two (2) percent bond funding. She reported she met with the City Clerk, City Attorney and Financial Advisor, Mr. Demery Grubbs regarding the proper use of the bond funding. Mr. Grubbs stated the legislation allows the two percent levy on restaurants and lounges for construction of the public safety and recreation facilities and not for the maintenance, operations or personnel. The funds in excess of the debt service

may be allocated by the Board at their discretion for particular project to promote tourism and economic development when the funds are sufficient (Exhibit A-1b).

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Cody, seconded by Hagan and unanimously carried to waive the rental fees for Fort Maurepas Park for the Walk of Faith on Saturday, April 7, 2012 and authorize \$150.00 from Ward 3 Capital Improvement Account.

Mr. Randall Hines, Vice-President of the Wildlife Care and Rescue Center, requested support for the rescue and rehabilitation organized for injured and orphaned wildlife. Alderman McDonnell suggested donating the mobile home formerly used by the Police Department to this organization if they could acquire a location for it.

Mr. Charles Carr stated he would like to turn his property into a flea market. He owns the former driving range in the 2400 block of Bienville Boulevard. He proposed constructing an open-air, metal roofed building along with parking for approximately 200. He also stated it could be used for events such as Cruisin' the Coast.

OLD BUSINESS – Addendum

Alderman Cody stated the monument at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center will not be moved and will remain at that site. Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell, and unanimously carried to establish an account for the upkeep of the monument located in the front of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Joe Pocreva reported on the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron, a 501(c)(3) organization, promoting and teaching sailing to all young adults or anyone interested in learning to sail. Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$500.00 from the Mayor's Capital Improvement Account and \$200.00 each from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Capital Improvement Accounts and \$200.00 from Alderman at Large Capital Improvement Account to advertise the City's resources through the city logo on the sails with the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron (Exhibit 5-d).

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$500.00 each from the Mayor's Capital

Improvement Account; Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Capital Improvement Accounts and Alderman at Large Capital Improvement Account to advertise the City's resources at the Mississippi Adult Tennis Tournament in June, 2012 (Exhibit 5-e).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Sam Alsgood, Chairman of the Ocean Springs Economic Development Council, asked for approval to add two (2) members to the council. He further stated one of the two (2) members will be a representative from the Mississippi Restaurant and Bar Association. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to add 2 members to the Ocean Springs Economic Development Council with one member appointed from the Mississippi Restaurant and Bar Association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Roxanne Sammies, 1715 Carpenter Court, made a complaint of lewd activity, noise and littering from Fort Bayou Saloon, a 24/7 hour bar abutting her property.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

The Mayor reported on the increase of the sales collection fees for real and personal taxes by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors starting October 1, 2012 (FY2013).

Community Development & Planning:

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo and seconded by Alderman McDonnell to adopt **Ordinance No. 2012-01 AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 5-1963 TO ESTABLISH THE PLANNING COMMISSION QUORUM AS A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP** (Exhibit 8-c). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman Gill	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman McDonnell	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman Cody	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman Denyer	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman Dalgo	<u>Voted Aye</u>
Alderman Hagan	<u>Voted Aye</u>

Building Department:

The Building Official gave an updated report on the matter concerning removal of debris created by contractors. He clarified that Waste Pro will pick up bagged debris from homeowners and contractors and the City will collect any tree trimmings produced by property owners if properly sized and bundled. The proposed amendment to the ordinance would only affect someone operating fulltime as a landscaper, contractor or tree surgeon and make them responsible for the removal and proper disposal of their waste (Exhibit 8-d).

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to authorize up to \$400.00 to the Ronald McDonald House in the name of Sophia Mohler and also \$250.00 to the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce for the Taste of Ocean Springs Event to advertise the City's resources.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to re-establish the Finance Committee with three (3) members of the Board to assist the City Clerk with the budget and appoint Alderman Hagan and Alderman Cox and one other member of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman McDonnell asked about the noise ordinance. The Mayor will research the 24/7 bars and lounges and the security issues.

Alderman McDonnell reported the beach has been very busy on the weekends; however, there seems to be an issue with glass bottles. He asked to have more patrol on the beaches utilizing the four-wheelers, segways or bicycles. There was discussion about checking the signage for the beach rules.

Alderman Cody asked for more trash receptacles in the downtown area.

Alderman Cox asked for the status of the noise ordinance. The City Attorney reported he distributed a draft outdoor noise permit styled after the City of Austin. The Police Chief and City Attorney are still researching, reviewing and working diligently towards a final draft of this ordinance for presentation to the Board.

Alderman Cox asked if the new railroad crossings were complete as they are rough driving across them. The Assistant Public Works Director reported they are not complete.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012.

The meeting ended at 8:37 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

3) PRESENTATION

- a) Presentation of Redistricting Maps – Mr. Donovan Scruggs

4) OLD BUSINESS

5) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Request for financial contribution and waiver of rental fees for Fort Maurepas by the Walk of Faith on Saturday, April 7, 2012 – Ms. Claudette Johnson (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) Request for financial support for the Wildlife Care and Rescue Center – Mr. Randall Hines (Exhibit 5-b)
- c) Request review of possible development of approximate 9 acres, 2400 block of Bienville Boulevard, for a flea market – Mr. Charles F. Carr (Exhibit 5-c)
- d) Request financial support for the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron and report 2011 progress – Mr. Joseph Pocreva (Exhibit 5-d)
- e) Ms Adult Tennis Tournament June, 2012 - Louie Peters, Scott Ratcliff and Lance St. Amant (Exhibit 5-e)

- 6) PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action at a later date, if warranted.

7) CONSENT AGENDA*

**Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 7, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

Mayor:

- a) Authorize the Mayor to submit and execute appropriate documents to apply for the MDOT Youth Corps Program funds for 2012 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Adopt and execute the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Ocean Springs to Establish Just Compensation and Sign Certification for Magnolia Avenue parcel for CIAP Project (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Accept Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2012 (Exhibit 7-c)

City Clerk:

- d) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting March 20, 2012 (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-f)

Police Dept.:

- g) Approve Special Event Permit for the Cubscouts Cubmobile Race on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 211, St. Alphonsus (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Approve Special Event Permit for the 5K Run to Benefit St. Jude's on Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. – till sponsored by Medi Weightloss Clinic of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Approve Special Event Permit/Information Only for the Easter Morning Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 8, 2012 from 5:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. on Front Beach sponsored by Restoration Church of the Gulf Coast (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Approve Special Event Permits for 5K Race of Discovery and Half Mile Kids Fun Run on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Children's 1699 Pet Parade on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Little Children's Park and Landing Reenactment, Concert, Fireworks Show celebrating Ocean Springs' 313th Birthday on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Fort Maurepas Park, all sponsored by the 1699 Historical Society (Exhibit 7-j)

- k) Approve Special Event Permit for Earth Day, Community Wide Picnic and Celebration on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Little Children's Park, sponsored by Delta Sanitation (Exhibit 7-k)
- l) Authorize employment of Charles M. Britt, Patrolman, \$12.50 hourly, effective April 4, 2012, one-year probationary period; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements and upon completion of the academy, rate of pay will increase to \$13.95 hourly (Exhibit 7-l)

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

- m) Award bid for Additional Scope of Work for the DEQ/CDBG Water/Sewer Expansion Project to W.R. Mitchell Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$241,468.00 for W21 and \$150,000.00 for S24 (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize to advertise for bids for the citywide concrete work (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Award bid to Wilco, Inc., General Contractors for the Shadowwood Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$43,600.00, funded partially by Pat Harrison Waterway District funds (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Approve Singing River Hospital System (Ocean Springs Hospital/Singing River Hospital) request to dig their own well for non-potable water uses, City Attorney and City Engineer concurs (Exhibit 7-p)

Community Development & Planning:

- q) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 7-q)

Planning Commission:

- r) Accept Planning Commissions' recommendation to approve a Preliminary Plat Approval for Clear Springs (formerly Waterford Village Phase II) (Exhibit 7-r)

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services:

- s) Approve proposal to the Ocean Springs School District for the use of Taconi gym by the City of Ocean Springs for the winter basketball season (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Accept resignation of _____ and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacancy (Exhibit 7-t)

City Attorney:

Facilities:

8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

- a) Discussion of the increase of the collection fees for real and personal property to the City of Ocean Springs by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors (Exhibit 8-a)
- b) Discussion of Ordinance Establishing an Economic Development Council (Exhibit 8-b)

City Clerk:

Police Dept.:

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- c) Adopt An Amendment to Ordinance No. 5-1963 to Establish the Planning Commission Quorum (Exhibit 8-c)

Building Department:

- d) Discussion of Debris Removal Created by Contractors (Exhibit 8-d)

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

9) ALDERMEN'S FORUM

- a) Sophia Mohler Fundraiser – Alderman Denyer

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS until 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
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April 3, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Monument at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Police Department:

- a) Approve Special Event Permit for Mayfest, 2012 and authorize closure of Government Street from Washington to Russell on Saturday, May 5, 2012 (Exhibit A-2a)
- b) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Temporarily Allow Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and Sale of Beer on Public Property for Mayfest, 2012 (Exhibit A-2b)

Fire Department:

- c) Authorize removal of Firefighter Michael Williams from probationary status and place on full-time status effective April 5, 2012 (Exhibit A-2c)