

## **RECESS MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2013. Mayor Moran 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.

Alderman Cody gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Mayor announced the CSX and MDOT crews will turn on the Government Street traffic signals at Ocean Springs Road. The Public Works Director advised they turned on the Hanley Road signals today and both intersections will be a flashing red in all directions until Monday.

The Mayor announced the City will hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Little Children's Park sponsored by Chevron along with some volunteers from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Mark Spicer stated the Republican Executive Committee is ready to run the primary election along with the City.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item (a) which was pulled by Alderman McDonnell; item (l) which was pulled by the Mayor and item (s) which was pulled by Alderman Dalgo.

Alderman McDonnell pulled item (a) to recognize Herb Moore and Melanie Allen, members of PAPOS, for donating the outdoor sculpture of a crow. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept the donation from PAPOS (Public Art Project of Ocean Springs) of one outdoor sculpture

to be installed at Keys Municipal Park and \$250.00 to supplement the costs to Public Works for installation (Exhibit 6-a).

The Mayor pulled item (I) to commend the Department Heads and staff for finding in the budget a way to propose to the Board a \$750.00 cost of living adjustment to all full-time employees not on probation with very little impact from the general fund. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to authorize a nonrecurring \$750.00 cost of living adjustment to all full-time employees that are not on probation, funded by water and sewer fund; reduction in department budget and \$33,000 from proceeds of the cemetery sale to be effective April 26, 2013, pending a formal recommendation from the Peer Review Committee and also to allow the Finance Committee to review proposing an annual percentage increase in salary and also, if there is an alternative solution that may be better adjustment, if the budget allows.

Alderman Dalgo pulled item (s) at the request of the Parks and Leisure Services Director. The Park Director asked the Board to consider approving the Partnership Agreement along with the Ocean Springs Sports Complex Rental Agreement. Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to approve the Ocean Springs Sports Complex Rental Agreement and Partnership Agreement, pending legal approval (Exhibit 6-s).

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **City Clerk:**

The City Clerk presented the City Primary Election Contract for approval. Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to approve the City Primary Election Contract with the Jackson County Election Commission and authorize the City Clerk to sign all necessary documents, pending legal review and approval (Exhibit 7-a).

### **Public Works:**

On behalf of his department, the Public Works Director thanked the Mayor and Board for addressing the cost of living adjustment.

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to apply for Pat Harrison Waterway District funding for the Woodhaven ditch project.

### **Peer Review Committee:**

Alderman Denyer announced there would be a Peer Review Committee meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Alderman Cox asked if there would be additional port-o-lets at the Sports Complex for the Lacrosse Tournament this weekend. The Parks Director advised there would be 4 additional port-o-lets. CTA would be helping with transporting people to and from the parking lot. He also asked if the bags the Chamber supplies could be handed out at the entrance gate. A card rack would be placed at the Sports Complex in the future.

Alderman Cody asked for a power pole to be placed on Government Street near S.O.S. Daiquiri Bar for a stage at May Fest.

Alderman Cody asked to purchase one (1) new battery for the gem car to be used at Ocean Springs Sports Complex at Highway 57.

Alderman Cody asked to replace burned out lights at the Chamber parking lot.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to post the Campaign Fundraising Report on the City's website.

Alderman McDonnell asked the Planning/Grant Administrator for a report on the proposed hotel on Government Street. He asked when the property reverts back to the City and how much the City has spent on infrastructure for that property.

Alderman Cody asked who should be cutting the grass on the proposed hotel site. Public Works Department stated they would cut the grass with a bush hog, if needed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to go into closed session to determine the necessity of going into executive session.

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to remain in executive session for discussion regarding a course of action for our Police personnel in combating crime.

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to approve a Special Event Permit for a bridge walk to raise funds for travel and medical costs for Courtney Hubbard on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013.

Meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date

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Date

**AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
RECESS MEETING  
March 19, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- 5. 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.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA\***

*\* Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 6, 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) Accept donation from PAPOS (Public Art Project of Ocean Springs) of one outdoor sculpture to be installed at Keys Municipal Park and \$250.00 to supplement the costs to Public Works for installation (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Authorize selection of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. to perform Construction, Engineering & Inspection services for the Government Street Improvement Project, Peer Review Committee concurs (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Authorize Mayor to execute letter to MDOT regarding selection of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. to perform the Construction, Engineering & Inspection services for the Government Street Improvement Project (Exhibit 6-c)

**City Clerk:**

- d) Approve Minutes – March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Minutes – March 13, 2013 Special Call Meeting (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Approve Peer Review Committee – Minutes February 28, 2013 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Approve Peer Review Committee – Minutes March 4, 2013 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Approve Peer Review Committee – Minutes March 11, 2013 (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread Summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Ratify check for per diem in the amount of \$80.00 for Ray West to attend Rope 1 training at the State Fire Academy (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Authorize a nonrecurring \$750.00 cost of living adjustment to all full-time employees that are not on probation, funded by water and sewer fund; reduction in department budget and \$33,000.00 from proceeds of the cemetery sale (Exhibit 6-l)

**Police Department:**

- m) Approve Special Event Permit for Walk for Wishes Fundraiser for Make-a-Wish Mississippi on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge (Exhibit 6-m)

**Fire Department:**

- n) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Authorize Firefighter Garrett Beasley to attend Driver/Operator NFPA 1002: Pumper Apparatus class at the Mississippi State Fire Academy the weeks of April 1-11, 2013 (Exhibit 6-o)

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- p) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 6-p)

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- q) Authorize removal of Kenneth Scott Dossett from probationary status and placement on full-time status, effective March 19<sup>th</sup> (Exhibit 6-q)
- r) Accept Parks Advisory Minutes: February 20, 2013 (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Approve Ocean Springs Sports Complex Rental Agreement, pending legal review and approval (Exhibit 6-s)
- t) Accept recommendation of the Parks Advisory Board regarding Ocean Springs Sports Complex Field Rental Fees (Exhibit 6-t)

**City Attorney:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police:

Fire:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities

Peer Review Committee:

**8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN until 6:00 p.m. on April 2, 2013**