

RECESS MEETING OF JUNE 18, 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 June 18, 2013. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, Cody, Denyer and Hagan were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Aldermen Gill and Dalgo were absent. Alderman McDonnell was absent at roll call but arrived later during the meeting.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Denyer stated there has been discussion concerning the poor condition of the railroad crossings at Bechtel Boulevard and Hanley Road along with many other crossings in the City. He is asking the City to obtain quotes to do these repairs with asphalt along with quotes to complete these repairs with concrete. The Mayor stated she has recently sent correspondence to CSX regarding this matter.

Alderman Denyer asked the City Attorney to review the political sign ordinance for residential properties. Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney to review the political sign ordinance.

Alderman McDonnell arrives at the meeting.

Alderman Denyer asked the Mayor to give a presentation in two weeks advising the Board on what types of projects could be considered to be funded with Restore Act Money.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item (f) which was pulled by Alderman McDonnell and item (m) which was pulled by Alderman Cox.

Alderman McDonnell pulled item (f) to ask the City Clerk to call the banks concerning the Request for Proposals for the City depository. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize to advertise for Request for Proposals regarding the Ocean Springs Bank Depository (Exhibit 6-f).

Alderman Cox pulled item (m) to ask if this was a new position in the Public Works Department. The Public Works Director advised it was filling an open/vacant position. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize employment of Devin Sonnier, effective June 19, 2013, \$10.50 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-m).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to make annual appointments at the July 2, 2013 board meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to advertise that applications for the Board of Commissions will be accepted until June 28th at 5:00 p.m.

City Attorney:

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell and seconded by Alderman Cody to adopt **Ordinance No. 2013-04 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, REQUIRING STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF DAVIDSON ROAD AND HALSTEAD ROAD** (Exhibit 7-c). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney to provide "no interest" answers to the confirmations suits on file against the City of Ocean Springs.

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Denyer suggested the Peer Review Committee review the current Building Official salary and make a recommendation to the Board. There was discussion concerning hiring someone with some planning experience.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to pass on the 3% pay raise for the next year for the Mayor and Aldermen.

The Mayor announced the Inaugural Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Alderman Cody stated Mr. Ross has a problem with the ditch/creek on north side of Davidson. Mr. Ross stated the ditch/creek is eroding and getting deeper causing a hazardous situation. Alderman Cody and the Public Works Department will check on this matter.

Alderman Cody stated the cost to concrete the railroad crossings is \$30,000.00 and possibly use county money from the paving budget for these repairs.

Alderman McDonnell asked the City to market the tax abatement incentive program during the next year.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to host a 4th of July celebration if the Mayor is able to secure sponsorship for the event at no cost to the City on Thursday, July 4th.

Alderman McDonnell asked is responsible for the maintenance of the beach landscaping. The Assistant Public Works Director advised it is on the landscaping list and being worked by the youth corps workers.

Alderman McDonnell asked something to be done about the metal cans on the beach. The Assistant Public Works Director stated the inserts in the cans are disappearing but have been ordered. He suggested using the barrels instead of the metal cans. Alderman McDonnell asked for a plan for clean up on the 4th of July as well as July 7th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Denyer 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 Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Police Department.

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

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Police Chief for disciplinary action of employee no. 1736.

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

Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

**AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
June 18, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

3) NEW BUSINESS

4) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion on railroad crossing at Hanley Road and Ocean Springs Road – Aldermen Denyer
- b) Discussion on Restore Act Money – Alderman Denyer
- c) Discussion on political sign ordinance – Alderman Denyer

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:

City Clerk:

- a) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting June 4, 2013 (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting June 5, 2013 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Adopt Budget Amendments (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Authorize to advertise for Request for Proposals regarding the Ocean Springs Bank Depository (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Ratify payment of invoice to Steven Jordan in the amount of \$12,650.00 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Authorize to observe July 5th as a holiday and allow city employees to be off July 5th as well as July 4th as proclaimed by Governor Bryant (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Authorize to advertise for bids for the sale and removal of the Civil Service Trailer damaged in a fire at the new owner's expense (Exhibit 6-i)

Police Dept.:

- j) Approve Special Event Permits for Strawberry Moon Duathlon - 2 Mile Kayak + 2 Mile Run on Saturday, June 22 from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. on Front Beach and OS Bay Bridge and the YMCA Fundraiser/Competition Event 2 Mile Run and ¼ Mile Children's Run on Thursday, July 4th from 8 a.m. – till from YMCA on Pine Drive to Shearwater to East Beach Bridge to YMCA (Exhibit 6-j)

Fire Dept.:

- k) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-k)

Human Resources/Risk:

- l) Authorize to begin the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for Insurance Broker Services (Exhibit 6-l)

City Engineer:

Public Works:

- m) Authorize employment of Devin Sonnier, effective June 19, 2013, \$10.50 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-m)

Community Development & Planning:

- n) Authorize to advertise for the Safe Routes to School project in accordance with MDOT's Project Development Manual for Local Public Agencies pending receipt of concurrence from MDOT, no matching funds required (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Authorize the use of city resources and closure of a small section of Porter Avenue for up to four (4) hours on July 1st and provision of city resources for appropriate rates to film a movie "Artists Die Best in Black" (Exhibit 6-o)

Building Department:

- p) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Accept Building Permit Report – May, 2013 (Exhibit 6-q)

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

- r) Approve Peer Review Committee Minutes – June 10, 2013 (Exhibit 6-r)

7) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

- a) Update on Boards and Commissions

City Clerk:

Police:

Fire:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- b) Sea Level Rise Study Presentation (Exhibit 7-b)

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

- c) Adopt an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances, City of Ocean Springs, Requiring Stop Signs at the Intersection of Davidson Road and Halstead Road (Exhibit 7-c)

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

8) ALDERMEN'S FORUM

9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on July 2, 2013