

## **RECESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 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 October 22, 2013. *Mayor Pro Tem* Cody presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Denyer and Dalgo were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson. The Mayor, and Aldermen McDonnell and Impey were absent.

The *Mayor Pro Tem* called the meeting to order.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion concerning the road closures for the Peter Anderson Festival. The Police Chief stated Robinson Street will be barricaded but his officers will be stationed there to allow access to the residents and businesses only. The booths will be set up in the street. The Fire Department will be stationed on Cash Alley.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the Festival Map and authorize street closures from Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 a.m. to Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the police department having discretion to open and close any streets deemed necessary.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to adopt the Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Temporarily Allow Consumption of Alcohol and Sale of Beer on Public Property for the 2013 Peter Anderson Festival pending receipt of a Special Event Permit and proof of insurance with the City named as an additional insured (Exhibit 4-a).

### **PROCLAMATION**

The *Mayor Pro Tem* read a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2013 as Racial Reconciliation Celebration Month.

### **CONCENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of item (a) which was pulled by Alderman Denyer and item (c) which was pulled by Alderman Cox.

Alderman Denyer pulled item (a) for discussion in Executive Session.

Alderman Cox pulled item (c) for discussion concerning the rentals of Fort Maurepas Park. He stated they concluded that the City would not rent the park but would allow it to be reserved with a clean-up deposit. Alderman Denyer said he agreed as long as the clean-up deposit was enforced. The City will also no longer provide tables and chairs for any event. Alderman Cox suggested charging a small rental fee along with the clean-up deposit. The Parks Director advised if a rental fee is charged, an employee would be required to work during the event. Alderman Cox stated he does not agree that an employee has to work at the event. She further stated the reservation form could be faxed to the Police Department to give them notice of the event.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to authorize to cease rentals of Fort Maurepas Park and be administered by the policy of all other parks in the City under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director (Exhibit 6-c).

Alderman Denyer asked for discussion of item (6-a) awarding the bank depository which was pulled earlier in the meeting for Executive Session. Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo and seconded by Alderman Gill to authorize to award the bank depository to Hancock Bank and set the bank split as Hancock Bank 60%, BancorpSouth 30% and The Peoples Bank 10%. Alderman Cox asked to have discussion regarding this matter in Executive Session. The City Clerk stated the Board could go into Closed Session to discuss whether it is an Executive Session item. Alderman Cody recognized The Peoples Bank for their support during the Cruisin' the Coast events. Alderman Gill feels that each bank has done a lot for the City. After further discussion, motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to authorize to award the bank depository to Hancock Bank and set the bank split as Hancock Bank 60%, BancorpSouth 30% and The Peoples Bank 10% (Exhibit 6-a).

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Alderman Cox asked for an update on trimming a tree limb that is hanging into the sidewalk near the bridge. The Building Official stated he would trim the tree limb.

Alderman Gill stated he is concerned with many overgrown lots in the City especially with rental houses. He asked if the City could shorten the process. The Building Official explained there are legal steps that must be taken for the cleanup process but would check into this matter.

Alderman Cody asked for a status on the tree at 906 Washington Avenue. The Building Official stated it was scheduled to be cut down after the Cruisin' the Coast event.

Alderman Cody stated there has been discussion with the County concerning the use of paving money for the area at the harbor. The Building Official explained the short and long term leases are still being negotiated. He further explained that physical improvements within an area covered by a short term lease can only be cost up to a certain dollar amount. The modifications to the harbor project have not been finalized.

The City Clerk explained the County paving money has already been budgeted so the funding for the railroad crossing repairs would come from the street department funds and may need to be reimbursed if that fund runs short later.

Alderman Gill asked that all recommendations made by the various committees be placed on the agenda under Department Reports.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to adjourn until 6:00 p.m. on November 5, 2013.

The meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date

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**AGENDA  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS  
RECESS MEETING  
October 22, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and approval of Peter Anderson Festival Street Closures (Exhibit 4-a)

**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) Authorize to award the bank depository to Hancock Bank and set the bank split as Hancock Bank 60%, BancorpSouth 20% and The Peoples Banks 20% (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Accept resignation of Wendi DeVita, Accounting Clerk, effective November 29, 2013 and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacancy, pending H.R. Committee approval (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Authorize to cease rentals of Fort Maurepas Park and be administered by the policy of all other parks in the City under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Director, H.R. Committee concurs (Exhibit 6-c)

**Police Department:**

- d) Accept resignation of Officer Gary Smith, effective October 31, 2013, and authorize to begin the process to fill the position, pending H.R. Committee approval (Exhibit 6-d)

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- e) Authorize employment of Edward Ward, Jr., effective October 28, 2013, full-time Parks Maintenance Worker, \$11.50 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements, H.R. Committee concurs (Exhibit 6-e)

**City Attorney:**

**Peer Review Committee:**

**Human Resources Committee:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**  
**Public Works:**  
**Community Development & Planning:**  
**Building Department:**  
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**8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on November 5, 2013**