

RECESS MEETING OF JULY 15, 2014

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 July 15, 2014. The *Mayor Pro Tem* Gill presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Mayor Moran was absent.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

The *Mayor Pro Tem* read a proclamation declaring July 15, 2014 as Ocean Springs High School Blue Grey Pride Band Day. He also presented Certificates to the members of the prestigious Mississippi Lions All State Band (Exhibit 3-a).

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kelly Pilger spoke on behalf of the Ocean Springs High School Cheer Program. She asked the Board to consider declaring every Friday as Blue Grey Day during the upcoming football season. They are planning a community wide pep rally on Thursday, August 21st, to kick off the start of the football season and will continue tailgating before the home games. Ms. Pilger stated she will ask all businesses to participate in supporting their local teams by allowing their employees to wear blue and grey on Fridays and decorate their windows to show their support. They are also requesting permission to place signs around the city stating "Game Tonight".

Ms. Sheila Grogan spoke on behalf of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Mississippi's Healthy Hometown Awards Program. She explained the program awards cities for adopting smoke-free ordinances with the top award being \$50,000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Maas, 315 Front Beach Drive, stated he had a complaint against the Mayor, dissatisfaction with his public records request and dissatisfaction with the media.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Danielle Crowder, a representative from Mississippi Power Company, explained the City could see a 50-percent savings if LED lighting was installed in 10 city buildings at a cost of \$78,000.00 for installation. She said the savings on the City's electric bills could cover the monthly loan note. She further stated there was no guarantee for the savings but the data was based on information obtained from an outside source.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney to review the Contract with Sylvania Lighting Corporation; make recommendations and present the Contract to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor John McKay and Supervisor Troy Ross gave a breakdown of the discretionary funds given to the City each year. Supervisor McKay stated that the County has given a total of \$1,275,721 and of that amount \$750,000 was for road paving, \$225,000 for the sand beach and \$205,721 for recreation. Supervisor McKay and Supervisor Ross also presented the check in the amount of \$205,721 for the recreation.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works:

The Public Works Director explained he sent a copy of the plan presented by Brown, Mitchell, Alexander, for the Front Beach sidewalk repairs project to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors for their input and approval. Supervisor Ross stated the plan will be placed on the Supervisors' next agenda for approval.

Community Development & Planning:

The Planning/Grants Administrator reported the window sills at the Senior Citizens Center are still in need of repairs but the City was not successful in obtaining a grant to fund the repairs. She stated she will continue to search for other viable funding sources. The Building Official said the wood around the windows has deteriorated and causing leakage in the walls. The Board asked her to obtain quotes for emergency repairs (Exhibit 8-a).

The Planning/Grants Administrator presented the landscape maintenance plan for the Harbor Green area. The cost estimate for maximum results is \$5,000 annually for supplies with an estimated 44 man-hours. She also mentioned the County has agreed to maintain the lawn area; therefore, this plan does not reflect that activity.

Alderman McDonnell stated the maintenance will be the responsibility of the City landscaper and his crew so he questioned whether or not this is a manageable plan. The Public Works Director stated that although the work is eligible for Youth Corp funding, those employees do not begin working until late May leaving a lot of this maintenance work outside of that time frame and would have to be done by Public Works employees. The Public Works Director said he will include this in next year's budget for consideration (Exhibit 8-b).

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to reappoint Rickey Authement to the Planning Commission, term expiring June 30, 2017.

Alderman McDonnell commended the City landscaper and his crew for the great job they have done on the landscaping at Front Beach. He said they have gotten it to a level that is manageable. He further stated there is still a very large area in front of Ocean Pointe at Martin Avenue and Front Beach that has not been addressed yet. This area will require a tremendous amount of maintenance for them. Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to include sodding as much of the area as possible in front of Ocean Pointe to be included in the specifications for the Landscaping Plan as an add alternate to help with filtration, easy maintenance and will allow the public access to that area.

Alderman McDonnell asked the City Engineer if they incorporated rolling the edge of the 250' of sidewalk that is being repaired. The City Engineer explained the plan includes putting in sea grass and any kind of vegetation along the south side of the sidewalk to slow down the water. He said rolling the edge down of the sidewalk could also help. The City Engineer said he will make these suggestions to Brown, Mitchell, Alexander.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to include adding additional sand along 250' of sidewalk between the planted material and the existing new seat wall to allow more beach area for use by the public.

Alderman McDonnell asked for an update concerning the mobile vendors. The Grants/Planning Administrator advised they are in the process of compiling all of their research and will have it ready for the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to ratify the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission to issue a COA for demolition at 418 Martin Avenue. Alderman McDonnell stated the property owner intends to salvage everything possible and incorporate it in the new structure on that site.

Alderman Cody asked to meet with the Building Official concerning businesses not taking care of their parking lots.

Alderman Cody stated the property owner at 314 Bills Avenue has asked to remove a pipe in front of their house to allow them to landscape. Alderman Cody asked the Public Works Department to check on this request.

Alderman Cody asked the Public Works Department to check the ditch on Bechtel.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to authorize the City Engineer to determine if reflectors can be installed to delineate the center of the road on Government Street from Washington Avenue East.

Alderman Gill suggested adding 5" or 6" of sand between plants on Front Beach to help eliminate the weeds from growing in the landscaped area.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to include sand replenishment as an add alternate in the sidewalk repair plan.

Alderman Cox reported the entire roof at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center has been coated to help prevent leaking. He also thanked everyone that helped to accomplish this task.

The Building Official reported the drawings for the roof repairs at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center have been received by Dennis Cowart. The specifications have been reviewed. He presented the mark-ups to Mr. Cowart and should have a new set of drawings to send to the State this week.

Alderman Denyer asked the Deputy Police Chief to investigate whether tickets were written to individuals parking their vehicles on the DMR property.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo and seconded by Alderman Cox to accept the resignation of Officer Delaney Waltman, effective July 18, 2014, and authorize to fill the vacant patrol position. No vote was taken.

Alderman Cox asked that the issue of replacing the position in patrol be brought before H.R. Committee for review.

After further discussion, motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Officer Delaney Waltman, effective July 18, 2014 (Exhibit 9-b).

There was discussion concerning the replacement of the vacant position in patrol.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant position in patrol, pending H.R. Committee review.

Alderman Impey thanked the Public Works Director for bringing Mississippi Power back before the Board.

Alderman Impey said he appreciated Supervisor Ross and Supervisor McKay for attending the board meeting. He also said he has a good working relationship with them.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey 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 McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Parks Department and investigation regarding an allegation of violation of historic preservation ordinance.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Parks Director to terminate Employee No. 2004, effective July 15, 2014.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to request the Parks Director to meet with the Human Resources Committee.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to accept the quote from Valor Steel Buildings in the amount of \$21,600.00 for roof repairs at the armory.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to adjourn until 6:00 pm. on August 5, 2014.

Meeting ended at 9:06 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
July 15, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PROCLAMATION

- a) Ocean Springs High School Blue Grey Pride Band Day (Exhibit 3-a)

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion about a community wide pep rally on August 21, 2014 – Ms. Kelly Pilger and Ms. Rebecca Barchie (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Discussion about The Healthy Hometown Awards Program of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation – Ms. Sheila Grogan (Exhibit 4-b)

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 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) Accept Directors Report for the Ocean Springs Museum of History (Exhibit 7-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting July 1, 2014 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 1, 2014 (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Authorize to schedule public hearing for August 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt Resolution and Order adopting the Uniform Assessment Schedule for motor vehicles (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve Special Event Permit for 5K Fundraiser for The Lord is my Help sponsored by Bourgeois Holdings, LLC on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., using the Rotary route beginning at Tri Hard Sports at 1016 Government Street; no costs incurred by any department (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Approve special request for the use of 20 barricades and two (2) reserve policemen and vehicles for the Mississippi Sound Spectacular – Drum Corps International, hosted by the Ocean Springs High School Band Parents Association on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Greyhound Stadium; no costs incurred by Police Department and Public Works (Exhibit 7-h)

Police Department:

Fire Department:

- i) Accept Monthly Department Report for June 11, 2014 to July 8, 2014 (Exhibit 7-i)

Human Resources/Risk Management:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

- j) Award bid to Gulf Coast Underground, LLC for manhole lining in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00, funded by the Section 592 Grant (Exhibit 7-j)

Building Department:

- k) Accept Minutes: Tree Committee dated July 10, 2014 (Exhibit 7-k)

- l) Accept Building Department Report, June, 2014 (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Authorize building permit to construct bulkhead, access pier and boathouse at 249 Lovers Lane (Exhibit 7-m)

Community Development & Planning:

- n) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #3 with Machado/Patano in the amount of \$3,500.00 for additional survey work related the Tidelands funded Improvements to the Ocean Springs Harbor; reimbursed by DMR with no additional funds required; pending concurrence by the City Attorney (Exhibit 7-n)

Historic Preservation Commission:

- o) Accept Historic Preservation Commissions recommendation to issue a COA for renovations to the front porch, and addition of a rear screened porch and open deck at 1202 Iberville Drive (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Accept Historic Preservation Commissions recommendation to issue a COA for replacement of the existing corrugated tin roof with a silver, metal roof system to include gutters matching the trim of the house at 505 Jackson Avenue (Exhibit 7-p)

Parks & Leisure Services:

- q) Approve termination of the contract with Monty Noblitt d/b/a Coastal Events, effective July 16, 2014 (Exhibit 7-q)

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Management:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Building Department:

Community Development & Planning:

- a) Update – Senior Citizen Center Repair Funding (Exhibit 8-a)
- b) Information – Maintenance Estimates for Landscape Plan for Harbor Green (Exhibit 8-b)

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

- a) Appoint Planning Commission Member

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on August 5, 2014

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
July 15, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Community Development & Planning:

- a) Award bid to Twin L. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$112,102.00 for the Final Phase of Downtown Streetscape Project – CDBG Phase I – Former Fallo’s Property Parking, pending MDA contractor concurrence (Exhibit A-1a)

Police Department:

- b) Accept resignation of Officer Delaney Waltman, effective July 18, 2014, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant patrol position (Exhibit A-1b)