

## **REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2015**

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 January 6, 2015. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Impey 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.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to add the Addendum to the agenda.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to move items (8-b and 8-c) for discussion after Public Comments.

### **PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring January 6, 2015 as **Gabriel and Katherine Evans Day** in the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 3-a).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Jade Kindsvater, President of the Mayor's Youth Council, addressed the Mayor and Board and gave an update on the projects the Council accomplished last year. Some of the projects include a Military Outreach Project, Veterans Drive for homeless veterans, Caps for Kids, beach clean-up, planting flowers at Ocean Springs elementary schools with children, Baseballs for Jaxon, Pumpkin Carving for Jaxon. They also collected toys at Christmas for children of local families in need, participated in the City's Annual Christmas Tree lighting, Cruisin the Coast, and Peter Anderson Festival. Ms. Kindsvater announced they have much more planned for the rest of this year. She then thanked the Mayor and Board and their sponsor, Ravin Floyd, for their support.

Ms. Donna Bright spoke about organizing a volunteer group to "Adopt a Bridge". The group would clean-up pet waste on the bridge since that seems to be issue with not allowing dogs on the bridge. She asked the Board to lift the ban and allow dogs on the bridge for safety reasons. She also suggested putting out more trash bins and bags on

the bridge in hopes it would encourage people to pick up after their dogs. The Board stated they would take this recommendation under advisement.

The Planning/Grants Administrator introduced Mr. Charles Riley, a representative with Ship Tracks, a business that tracks and provides operational support to the state and city ports, waterways and local officials. There are several steps to the grant that would be brought before the Board for approval. Mr. Riley stated this is air traffic control for marine vessels. They are trying to consolidate and upgrade their data center and move their operation to Ocean Springs. The activity that would be funded through the grant will create a Data Operations Center in Ocean Springs that will collect and track data from vessels traveling in state and local waterways. This will allow the opportunity to promote maritime industry, generate sales tax, and job creation. The Grants/Planning Administrator explained if the grant is awarded, the funds will work as a pass-through to the private entity through the form of a Memorandum of Agreement. The City would have no ongoing maintenance responsibility or other financial contribution to the project.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to work with Ship Tracks to develop and submit the pre-application for the MDA Development Infrastructure Program (Exhibit 5-c).

Mr. Mickey Williams, a member of the Economic Development Council, stated the Council did research on the references provided by ShipTracks. He said they spoke with Chevron and Mississippi Power Company and both were most satisfied with this tracking system. He stated the EDC voted unanimously in favor to recommend that the Board of Aldermen support this grant program.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Community Development & Planning:**

Ms. Judy Steckler, spoke on behalf of the Land Trust, and announced the Land Trust recently received a donation of 17.88 acres adjacent to the Twelve Oaks site. Ms. Steckler said the Land Trust is ready to move forward with development of a nature trail that enhances the current activity to connect all three of their properties. She said many visitors come to walk the trails as well as our local citizens. She asked that the City utilize its tidelands fund in partnership with the Land Trust to start the design and construction of the Greenway project. Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo,

seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to accept the proposal made by the Land Trust for discussion.

The Mayor explained the \$200,000 in tidelands funds awarded for the Greenway project would complete the design and engineering for the conceptual plan that had previously been presented by Christian Preus. The conceptual plan included a kayak launch, simple nature trail, fishing pier, bird watching area and small pavilion, all with minimal impact. The tidelands funds would be used to build a portion of this conceptual plan. Alderman Cox stated he supports the Land Trust project but does not want the City to be involved. The City has many parks that have to be maintained. He feels the tidelands funding should be transferred to the Harbor improvement project to allow completion of that project. Alderman Denyer said there are three (3) projects to consider: the USM-Research Lab boat ramp, the Harbor Improvement Project, and the Land Trust project. Before reallocating the \$200,000, he wants to determine the needs of all the projects. The amount needed for the Harbor Road Improvements will be based on a meeting with the county. Land trust is interested in putting in a kayak/canoe launch. This new project has an area that appears could be adapted for a kayak/canoe launch. Alderman Cox stated he is open to working them to decide what is best for the community.

Alderman Dalgo suggested putting up more signage directing visitors as well as the local citizens to Twelve Oaks.

Alderman Gill stated the \$200,000.00 in tidelands funding was originally allocated for the Old Fort Bayou greenways to build a walkways, pier, boat launch and small pavilion. He said he would like a portion of the tidelands funds to be used for this project and also to help with funding for the harbor improvement project.

Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo and seconded by Alderman Gill to authorize the staff to coordinate with the Land Trust to draft a Memorandum of Agreement to outline conditions for project implementation, to be submitted to DMR for review and approval. Motion carried with Aldermen Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Dalgo, Denyer and Impey voting aye and Alderman Cox voting nay.

The owner of Paddle Boards spoke in favor of the old fort bayou greenway project. She said it is good for economic development and tourism. Mr. Justin Carney also spoke in favor of the greenway project.

The Planning/Grants Administrator gave an overview of the Harbor Improvements Project. She explained the anticipated costs on other elements of the project along with improvements required to existing infrastructure, the low bid came in higher than expected making the grant budget short by approximately \$150,000.00. The City plans to meet with the Board of Supervisors on Friday to request the County to offset the paving of Harbor Road. Alderman McDonnell asked if any repairs or improvements will

be done to the finger piers. The Grants/Planning Administrator stated this was not included but the plan was to look for funding the repair the finger piers once this phase was underway. The Board discussed reallocating a portion of the tidelands funds from the Old Fort Bayou Greenway project. The Board did not take any action until after they meet with the County officials.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Community Development & Planning:**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer and seconded by Alderman Cody to adopt **Ordinance No. 2015-01 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 13-1976, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE FEES FOR SERVICES** (Exhibit 8-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

### **City Attorney:**

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell and seconded by Alderman Cody to adopt **Ordinance No. 2015-02 AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REQUIRING STOP SIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING INTERSECTION: BRUMBAUGH AND SEYMOUR** (Exhibit 8-d). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Alderman McDonnell asked the Building Department for a timeline to have the sign completed for the Fallo-Pleasant Parking Lot. He would like to schedule the dedication in the next 60-90 days.

Alderman McDonnell asked to have quotes for the grass in front of the Brumfield's property on Front Beach at the next board meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to allow the Girl Scouts to store their cookies at the armory for the Cookie Drive on February 9, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Alderman Cody suggested having a Farmer's Market in the new Fallo-Pleasant parking lot. Motion was made by Alderman Dalgo, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to do further research on this idea. This would encourage vendors to sell in this designated area and not set up on the corners of the intersections.

Alderman Cody announced there is a Post-Production meeting on January 13th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Cruisin' the Coast and Peter Anderson Festival. He invited anyone that has any interest to please attend.

Alderman Cox asked Public Works to send a crew to pick up garbage on Hudson Road and Davidson Road.

Alderman Cox announced several organizations have adopted the armory project. They will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner drawdown on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center to raise funds for the armory restoration project.

Alderman Denyer stated he and the Grants/Planning Administrator met with representatives from the school district concerning the Safe Routes to School grant. He said there are issues with parking at Pecan Park as well as a lack of sidewalks which causes safety concerns. This is an 80/20 matching grant which would be funded in next year's budget. Alderman Denyer will address the School Board and ask for their support and join the City in the matching funds.

Alderman Impey stated Rep. Hank Zuber asked to please RSVP if you are attending the meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Impey also said Senator Watson and Senator Wiggins are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible from the Coast at the Legislative Reception in Jackson tomorrow evening.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on January 20, 2014.

Meeting ended at 7:31 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**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 6, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PROCLAMATION**

- a) Gabriel and Katherine Evans Day (Exhibit 3-a)

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Mayor's Youth Council Update – Ms. Jade Kindsvater, President (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) Discussion to re-address allowing dogs on the bridge to provide safety for pedestrians – Ms. Donna Bright (Exhibit 5-b)
- c) Discussion on grant opportunity for Waterways Network Operations Center – Mr. Charles Riley (Exhibit 5-c)

**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:**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting December 16, 2014 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting December 18, 2014 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 10K Winter Classic and 1Mile Health Run/Walk sponsored by the YMCA on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; costs incurred by Police Department and paid by the sponsor (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valentine's Day 8K and ½ Mile Health Run/Walk on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.; costs incurred by Police Department and paid by sponsor (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Adopt resolution to enter into a general obligation note for \$250,000 with Community Bank for the purpose of repairing the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center roofing system (Exhibit 7-f)

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

**Risk Manager/HR:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- g) Authorize full-time employment from temporary employment of Cody Franklin and Gregory Webb, \$12.00 hourly, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements, effective January 12, 2015, they are replacing two (2) vacant positions; also, authorize the temporary employment of Jesse King and Mike Hale, effective January 7, 2015, due to four (4) public works employees out on medical leave (Exhibit 7-g)
- h) Approve Pay Application No. 1 and Summary Change Order No. 1 for Gulf Coast Underground in the amount of \$46,346.60 for manhole lining sewer rehab, City Engineer concurs (Exhibit 7-h)

**Community Development & Planning:**

- i) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Temporary Construction Easement related to the Harbor Road Improvement Project funded with Tidelands Funds (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Authorize the Mayor to execute Contract documents related to the Government Street Improvements Project Construction pending MDOT concurrence/MDOT STP funded (Exhibit 7-j)

**Building Department:**

- k) Accept Tree Committee Minutes: December 31, 2014 (Exhibit 7-k)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

**City Attorney:**

**Peer Review Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

**Risk Manager/HR:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- a) Adopt Ordinance amended the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, being Ordinance No. 13-1976, as amended, by amending the fees for services (Exhibit 8-a)
- b) Authorize to coordinate with the Land Trust to draft a Memorandum of Agreement concerning the Old Fort Bayou Greenway Tidelands Project FY15-P501-14OS (Exhibit 8-b)
- c) Discussion on Tidelands funded improvements to the OS Harbor Road Project (Exhibit 8-c)

**Building Department:**

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

**City Attorney:**

- d) Adopt Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Requiring Stop Signs at the Following Intersection: Brumbaugh and Seymour (Exhibit 8-d)

**Peer Review Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on January 20, 2015**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 6, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mayor:**

- a) Authorize to waive rental fees for the use of the Civic Center on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to co-host the MS Coast Crime Stoppers fish fry and BBQ dinners to advertise the resources of the City, Deputy Police Chief concurs (Exhibit A-1a).