

## **RECESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2015**

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 20, 2015. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards.

Alderman Gill called the meeting to order.

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

The Mayor announced there will be two (2) items for Old Business: a presentation by the Rotary District and Mr. Gregory C. Capranica will give an update concerning CableOne.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Amber Olsen from the Rotary District presented a check to the City in the amount of \$1,800.00 toward the purchase and installation of an expression swing. The swing will be placed at Little Children's Park on Washington Avenue. The expression swing is a face-to-face swing that features a bucket seat for children under five and a comfortable adult swing seat allowing a parent and child to interact with each other and enjoy each other's expressions.

Mr. Gregory Capranica, General Manager for CableOne, gave an update concerning improvements the company is making to the broad band infrastructure and technology to make their platform higher in capacity and more reliable. CableOne is investing in high speed data capacity to provide faster internet to the customers. They are also reducing the number of customers on a particular serving area from 250 to 100 customers and adding to the national backbone for improved reliability. He also reported they are changing all active electronic components to get more band width which will provide better picture quality, faster internet speeds and improved reliability. Currently, the company is engaged in converting from analog to all digital and has introduced a new channel lineup for easier navigation between digital and high definition channels. Customers with no digital equipment in their home will see a significant difference in picture quality by going from analog to digital. CableOne will provide two (2) free digital boxes and each additional box is \$5.00 each and can either be shipped to your home, picked up at office or have installed by technician. Mr. Capranica said that analog will be turned off on March 15<sup>th</sup> and CableOne will advertise heavily through internet, mail, newspaper, television. He also reported that internet speed has doubled and early next year they will offer 1- gig internet service across

100% of their residential footprint all at one time. It is now only available to businesses. He stated people will be using more and more devices so they will continue to keep up with the demand and need of their customers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to proceed with the project proposed by American Legion Post 42 to install an engraved brick pavers along each side of the current walkway up to the curved walkway in front of the monument at the Mary C. Cultural Center, pending approved by Friends of the Mary C. and MS Department of Archives and History (Exhibit 4-a).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item (6-d) to be discussed in Executive Session.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Human Resources/Risk Management:**

The H.R. Director informed the Board that after speaking to the City's the liability specialists at the Mississippi Municipal Service Company (MMS), they strongly recommended continuing with the City's policy whereby vendor's selling alcohol and/or beer at the festivals should provide their own alcohol liability coverage because alcohol liability is a large exposure to the City. The OS Elks had previously requested the Board to consider waiving the requirement to provide this type of liability insurance when selling alcohol on public property. The OS Elks had reported that the high premium amount made it is cost prohibitive to participant in the festivals. The Mayor stated she has spoken to some insurance companies who provide this type of coverage but they quotes were higher than what the OS Elks had received. It was suggested that the OS Elks team up with another restaurant who sells beer. No action was taken. (Exhibit 7-a)

**Building Department:**

The Mayor reported on the creation of the tree maintenance and beautification fund. She explained this is a fund whereby donors may donate funds to be used for beautification and preservation of public trees. She said there is strong support from the Historic Ocean Springs Association to name the fund in honor of Ethelyn Connor, former First Lady of Ocean Springs who founded the Day Lily Society and persuaded MDOT to move the oak trees when the bridge was built. Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to create the "Ethelyn Connor Save our Trees" fund.

Also discussed was the means of revenue for the fund such as private donations, corporate donations and court fines as well as mitigation fees based on a quantifiable scale.

Alderman Denyer made a motion to include mitigation fees as a means of revenue for the fund. After further discussion, Alderman Denyer withdrew his motion. The Building Official and Planning/Grants Administrator will create a defined scale for approval by the Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody and seconded by Alderman Gill to decide options to direct location in town with oversight by the Planning Commission and Building Department. Motion carried with Aldermen, Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer and Dalgo voting aye and Alderman Impey voting nay.

**ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to allow OS High School the use of barricades for the Friday night football game.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody and seconded by Alderman Cox to close Government Street from Martin Luther King Blvd. to Pine Drive on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for the YMCA Fall Festival. Public Works Department will distribute the barricades on Friday afternoon and pick them up on Monday as well as placing signs for traffic direction to detour on Pine to Kensington to Magnolia to Government Street. Motion carried with Aldermen, Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer and Dalgo voting aye and Alderman Impey voting nay.

The Mayor announced she will be attending the Rising Tides Summit in New Hampshire with Mayor Billy Hewes and Mayor Chipper McDermott at no cost to the City. She will be working with other leaders to raise awareness of the growing impact of the rising tide levels on the gulf coast and the local response to storm preparedness.

Alderman Cox asked the Public Works Department to trim some vines hanging in the road at Harbor and Lafontaine. Also, repair the grate that has a 3" drop after paving.

Alderman Cox announced the OS 5K Rotary Run held last Saturday was a huge success with approximately 350 participants.

Alderman Cody asked the Finance Committee to find funding to purchase a new street sweeper for the Public Works Department. He said he has two (2) quotes; one was \$127,000 and another was \$183,000 which includes the attachments the City needs to be able to sweep the contoured roads. Alderman McDonnell suggested determining a 3-year average spent on maintenance and repairs.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to obtain quotes for a temporary company to sweep the intersections on Highway 90.

Alderman Denyer asked the Police Department to address the speeding issue on Halstead Road.

Alderman Denyer asked the Police Department to address the issue with skateboarders in the streets downtown.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to install a street light at Temple Terrace and Halstead to light up a bus stop.

Alderman Denyer commended Ms. Jennie Heines, I.T. Administrator, on the great job done with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Pecan Park Elementary who visited City Hall on a recent a field trip.

Alderman Impey stated he was able to work with Alderman Cody on Saturday during the Cruisin' the Coast event and spoke to the Cruisin' participants that their cruising would not be complete without a stop in Ocean Springs. He also met Mr. Dennis Gage, the host of My Classic Car, who stated the MS coast is the best venue in the United States for this type of event and what makes it so special are the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Ocean Springs. Alderman Impey commended and congratulated Alderman Cody for a great event.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody 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 Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Building Department, current litigation in federal court and potential litigation regarding contractual services.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims with the exception of payment to Dogan and Wilkinson.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to accept a quote from Beau Monde Enterprises in the amount of \$4,700.00 to repair the lower level windows at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Dalgo and unanimously carried to authorize City Attorneys to make a final settlement attempt with Plaintiffs in Federal Court.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 8:32 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 20, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion concerning proposal from American Legion Post 42 to install an engraved paver to be placed on either side of the "Pershing Square" at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center pending approval by the Mary C Friends as well as the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (Exhibit (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:**

- a) Proclaim the month of October, 2015 as Racial Reconciliation Celebration (Exhibit 6-a)

**City Clerk:**

- b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting October 6, 2015 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting October 12, 2015 (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-e)

**Police Department:**

- f) Authorize employment of Antonio Alvarez, Police Officer, effective October 21, 2015, \$14.25 hourly, twelve month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Authorize employment of Sean Leverette, Police Officer, effective October 21, 2015, \$14.25 hourly, twelve month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Authorize employment of Gregory McClellon, Police Officer, effective October 21, 2015, \$15.50 hourly, twelve month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Authorize employment of Jesse Breland, Dispatcher, effective November 2, 2015, \$12.00 hourly, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-i)

**Fire Department:**

- j) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Authorize to transfer a 2009 Ford Ranger, Asset No. 4695 to the Facilities Department and a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Asset No. 4061 to the Fire Department, both departments concur (Exhibit 6-k)

**Human Resources/Risk:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- l) Authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant laborer position in the Street Department (Exhibit 6-l)

**Community Development & Planning:**

- m) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$7,000.00 with Robert Sweeting for City Museum Marketing Services, Gulf Seafood Tourism and Promotional Fund (Exhibit 6-m)

**Historic Preservation Commission**

- n) Accept Historic Preservation Commissions recommendation to issue a COA to install a galvanized metal roof and install railings on the stairs at 702 Porter Avenue (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Accept Historic Preservation Commissions recommendation to issue a COA to modify the porch and rear deck and add an open carport and driveway at 515 Jackson Avenue (Exhibit 6-o)
- p) Accept Historic Preservation Commissions recommendation to issue a COA to demolish existing storage building and exterior repairs and additions at 525 Porter Avenue (Exhibit 6-p)

**Building Department:**

- q) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 6-q)
- r) Authorize to incorporate the 2015 Floodplain Management Plan Report into the yearly Community Rating System (CRS) and publish in accordance with the report (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Approve demolition permit for a structure at 1007 Chaney Street (Exhibit 6-s)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

- t) Accept Minutes of Parks Advisory Board from August 12, 2015 (Exhibit 6-t)

**City Attorney:**

**Peer Review Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- a) Vendor Insurance for the Sale of Alcohol at Festivals (Exhibit 7-a)

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

**Building Department:**

- b) Discussion concerning creation of tree maintenance and beautification fund (Exhibit 7-b)

**Parks & Leisure Services:**

**City Attorney:**

**Peer Review Committee:**

**H. R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Personnel in Building Department

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on November 3, 2015**