

RECESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2017

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 17, 2017. Mayor Dobson presiding, Aldermen Cox, Authement, Bellman, Papania, and Blackman were present. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Janice Hilton and City Attorney Kevin Melchi. Aldermen Gill and Impey were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Melanie Allen with PAPOS came before the Board and talked about the \$150,000.00 of artwork that Public Art Project of Ocean Springs has gifted to the City since 2007. Tonight PAPOS is gifting (3) three sculptures worth \$12,000.00 by artist William Ludwig. Ms. Allen invited everyone to come to the dedication on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the train depot parking lot then a reception will follow at the Mary C. O'Keefe Arts and Cultural Building. (Exhibit 4-a)

The Mayor reminded everyone that the Blue Moon pairing event is going on tonight at the Walter Anderson Museum from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and invited everyone to attend that event.

The Mayor bragged about the new microphone system that Aldermen Blackman and Authement installed and hopes the sound is a lot better for everyone in the audience and on the live feed.

Bonnie Munro, Career Placement Specialist for the WIOA Grant at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, came before the Board to explain how the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act grant works and to ask the City of Ocean Springs to assist with the WIOA Out-of-School Youth Program in any capacity. Ms. Munro stated the grant is not currently in Jackson County but it is her goal to have Jackson County included on the grant. Ms. Munro explained the qualifications to be accepted into the program. She also explained that the employer does not pay wages the grant pays the wages. All that is asked of the employer is to mentor the students.

Alderman Cox suggest Ms. Munro get with the Mayor to get this program in place. The Mayor stated he has already done this and is interested in getting someone to come in to assist the Mayor and the Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to have the Mayor sign the contract for the WIOA Program. (Exhibit 5-b)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Kevin Ladd thanked the city staff for all of their hard work during the Ocean Springs Seafood and Music Festival. Mr. Ladd said it was a great event and appreciated all the help.

Dr. Joel Knight, 200 Dewey Avenue, came before the Board regarding the lot split of the property located at 1016 LaFontaine. Dr. Knight said the information that was presented to and approved by the Planning Commission has changed because it was not in conformance with City zoning and ordinance. Dr. Knight is requesting the Board table this issue tonight for to allow for further review of this issue in detail or have them go back before the Planning Commission for approval of the changes they have made.

Ms. Sylvia Bosco, 509 Front Beach, came before the Board about the approval of the reconfiguration of the lot located at 1016 LaFontaine to allow for the lot split. Ms. Bosco said the property runs east and west but if the lot is split they would have to build north and south. She is concerned about the flood zone and is requesting the City to not allow them to bring in fill dirt to fill in the flood zone.

Resident residing at 120 Dewey Avenue came before the Board to voice his opinion about the 1016 LaFontaine lot split. He was told they would not use Dewey Avenue as part of this project and he wants to make sure Dewey does not come into play with this project. He has been taking care of Dewey since 1993. He was not aware the plans had changed so he would like to see this tabled as well so it can be reviewed further.

Walter Harrison, 114 Reynolds Circle, came before to support removing and changing our state flag. Mr. Harrison stated the state and city needs to design a flag all Mississippians can be proud of.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item (6-r) pulled by Alderman Authement.

Motion made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to table the lot split at the property located at 1016 LaFontaine until the next board meeting so it can be reviewed further.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development & Planning:

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to adopt an **Ordinance 2017-15 Extending a Tax Exemption Program for the Central Business District of the City of Ocean Springs.** (Exhibit 7-a)

Alderman Gill	<u>Absent</u>
Alderman Authement	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Bellman	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Cox	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Papania	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Blackman	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Impey	<u>Absent</u>

The Planning & Grants Administrator along with Kimberly Miller from Allen Engineering presented updated information on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) grant project activity.

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement talked about the Trick or Treat Down the Street event being held in downtown Ocean Springs on October 31, 2017. Alderman Authement stated HOSA and the Chamber of Commerce is giving (20) twenty businesses their first bag of candy to promote participation from all the businesses in the downtown area.

Motion made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to allow WAMA the use of picnic tables and chairs on October 28, 2017 for the WAMA JAMA Halloween Block Party and Pig Roast.

Alderman Bellman stated Alderman Cox obtained a quote of \$400.00 for an appraisal on the property located on Davidson Road. Alderman Bellman is asking to move forward.

Motion made by Alderman Bellman, seconded by Alderman Papania to move forward with having the property on Davidson Road appraised at a cost of \$400.00. Aldermen Authement, Bellman, Cox, and Papania voting aye and Alderman Blackman voting nay. Motion passes.

Alderman Cox asked for an update on Hurricane Nate cleanup. The Interim Public Works Director stated all the streets are cleared for traffic, the beaches and places heavily

damaged with debris have been picked up. Public Works currently has three crews out working in different areas of the City picking up debris so progress is being made in all wards. The Interim Public Works Director stated FEMA will be in the City of Ocean Springs tomorrow to begin their evaluation.

Alderman Cox asked about the pump stations. The Interim Public Works Director said all but (1) one is up and running. The one that is not running is on bypass. The Interim Public Works Director said the control panels at (7) seven stations will need to be replaced.

Alderman Cox asked about videoing the sewer lines. The Interim Public Works Director said some lines on Cumberland, Iberville, and other low lying areas need to be done. He said sand does get in the sewer lines after a storm so they do need to be repaired, videoed, and cleaned but the City will have to find a funding source to get this done.

Alderman Cox stated all of the lights on Shearwater Bridge were replaced and working but now all (6) six lights are out again. The Building Official said the city electrician has been working on the sewer lift stations to get them up and running but he will make him aware of it.

Alderman Papania thanked Public Works for the excellent job they did removing the berm on the north side of East Beach.

Motion was made by Alderman Papania to make Allen Ladnier as the permanent Assistant Public Works Director of Field Operations. The Human Resource Director explained that the job description needs to be created, create salary range, go before the HR Committee, it needs to be budgeted through the Finance Committee, post it in-house, take applications, do interviews, and then select the best candidate for the position. Alderman Papania withdraws his motion. Alderman Papania made the request that Human Resource expedite this and have ready to move forward within (30) thirty days.

Alderman Papania said during Hurricane Nate the entrance sign to Watersedge Drive was hit by a tree. The sign and lights that are there were damaged. Alderman Papania is requesting to use his alderman's fund to make these repairs.

Motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to allow Alderman Papania to use his alderman's funds to repair the entrance sign to Watersedge Drive and purchase (2) two lights to replace the two that were damaged during Hurricane Nate after going through the proper procedures of obtaining quotes and getting purchase orders. Alderman Papania would add to request the City Electrician install the lights if he is available to do so.

Alderman Blackman said there are some littering issues on Pabst Road. Alderman Blackman asked the Police Chief to look into that and requested Public Works put some no littering signs close to the west end of Pabst Road and one close to the bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to go into closed session to determine the necessity of remaining in executive session.

The Deputy City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Facilities Department, potential litigation regarding annexation, and personnel in Public Works.

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to make the position of Assistant Public Works Director a "Non-Competitive Class" Civil Service position.

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to come out of executive session and return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017.

The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
October 17, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss the intent to gift the 2017 public art installation to the City – Melanie Allen, PAPOS (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) WIOA Out-of-School Youth Program Work Experience – Bonnie Munro (Exhibit 4-b)

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) Authorize the Mississippi Development Authority the use of a tent, chairs, and podium for the dedication of the Blues Trail Marker on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (Exhibit 6-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting October 3, 2017 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting October 7, 2017 (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting October 8, 2017 (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Authorize to enter into a Consulting Agreement with Joe Gill Consulting, LLC for a fee of \$10,000.00 for Lobbying Services pertaining to Tidelands Funds effective October 4, 2016 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Adopt resolution authorizing the signing of checks duly passed whereas, the City of Ocean Springs maintains multiple checking accounts at Hancock Bank for operating expenses, payroll expenses, and to clear debts adding Mayor Pro Temp John Gill and Deputy City Clerk Janice Hilton (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Approve the 7th Annual Bridge for Life AIDS Walk/Run sponsored by South Mississippi Aids Task Force scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 7:00 am – 11:00 am; round trip across the Ocean Springs/Biloxi Bridge; no costs incurred by the city (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Accept the retirement of Senior Facilities Maintenance Technician Bill Joiner effective November 30, 2017 after seventeen years of dedicated service (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Authorize additional street closure of Ward Avenue from Government Street to Bowen Avenue for the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.; (Exhibit 6-j)

Police Department:

- k) Authorize to declare (3) three vehicles as surplus (of no value to the City); remove from the City's inventory; and send the vehicles to auction (Exhibit 6-k)

- l) Authorize to hire Patrolman Nicole Marie Sluter; \$14.50 per hour; effective on or about October 30, 2017; one-year probationary status; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements; self-sponsor from Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy on October 27, 2017 (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Approve out-of-state travel for Sergeant Al Parker and Sergeant Steven Dye to attend a professional training course in New Orleans, LA on October 16-19, 2017 as budgeted (Exhibit 6-m)

Fire Department:

- n) Accept Monthly Department Report (Exhibit 6-n)

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

- o) Authorize to extend the current contract with Graham Construction Co., Inc. for an additional year beginning October 21, 2017 thru October 20, 2018, at the current rates and fees for manpower and equipment (Exhibit 6-o)
- p) Authorize payment of Pay Application No. 2 (Final) in the amount of \$1,768.16 to Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. and all Closeout Documents for the Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining (Phase 4-1) as recommended by Compton Engineering, Inc. (Exhibit 6-p)

Community Development & Planning:

- q) Approve out-of-state travel for City Planner Wade Morgan to attend the City Building Exchange Conference in New Orleans, LA on November 15-17, 2017; authorize to reimburse Planning Commission members for conference cost and expenses for attending the conference (Exhibit 6-q)

Planning Commission:

- r) Approve the application for a lot split at 1016 Lafontaine Avenue, PID #60137486.000, as approved by the Planning Commission – JHS Enterprises, Inc. (Exhibit 6-r)

Historic Preservation Commission:

- s) Authorize the request to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a swimming pool and fence at 1117 Iberville Drive, Marble Springs Historic District, as approved by the Historic Preservation Commission – Lori Carter (Exhibit 6-s)

Building Department:

- t) Accept Tree Protection Committee Meeting Minutes October 10, 2017 (Exhibit 6-t)
- u) Accept Code Enforcement Report through October 13, 2017 (Exhibit 6-u)

Parks & Leisure Services:

- v) Approve the Individual Service Contract with Tennis Instructor, Maja Smith, for a period of (12) twelve months (Exhibit 6-v)
- w) Authorize to approve the Facility Use Agreement with the Ocean Springs Boys Lacrosse Organization to utilize the Gaye Lemon Football/Soccer Field beginning October 2017 through April 2018 (Exhibit 6-w)

City Attorney:

Finance Committee:

H.R. Committee:

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Management:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- a) Adopt An Ordinance Extending a Tax Exemption Program for the Central Business District of the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Update on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) grant project activity – Carolyn Martin and Kimberly Miller/Allen Engineering

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

H. R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

- a) Discussion on Trick or Treat Down the Street – Alderman Authement
- b) Discussion on allowing WAMA to use picnic tables and chairs on October 28, 2017 for the WAMA JAMA Halloween Block Party and Pig Roast – Alderman Authement

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Personnel in the Facilities Department
- b) Potential litigation regarding annexation

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on November 7, 2017