

## **REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2018**

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 2, 2018. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Authement, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney Kevin Melchi.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

### **PROCLAMATION**

The proclamation for Lakota Lancaster has been moved to the January 16, 2018 Recess Meeting. Ms. Lancaster had to report back to duty today so neither she nor or her family were able to attend the meeting to accept the proclamation. (Item 3-b)

The Mayor read and presented the proclamation declaring the week of January 14-20, 2018 as Mississippi Municipal Government Week to City Clerk Shelly Ferguson. (Exhibit 3-a)

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. John Lee, Chairman of Civil Service Commission, came before the Board to explain what the Civil Service Commission does and how they operate in the City. Mr. Lee introduced the members of the Civil Service Commission, Monica Dickinson, Rebecca Lucas, and Kevin Westbrook, to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Lee notified the Board that they are in the process of updating, clarifying, changing, and adding to the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Lee said it is their goal this year to have the members of the commission at the first meeting of the month as a group and to have at least one member present at the second meeting of the month. Mr. Lee is requesting that anytime a discussion is taking place for a civil service covered position in the City to notify one of the commissioners and make them aware of the discussion taking place. (Item 4-a)

Scott Lemon, Lemon Mohler Insurance Agency, stated the City did qualify for the special program with the Mississippi Municipal Service Company which is the company that writes the physical damage for the City's liability coverage. Mr. Lemon presented an auto deductible analysis showing the trends for the last few years and a premium summary

business today and the pilings have been ordered. The delivery time should be approximately (3) three weeks so work should resume by the end of January.

Alderman Blackman updated the Board on the roof repair on Dewey Avenue Substation. Alderman Blackman said he spoke to Joey Duggan with Compton Engineering who said they found the leak and are working toward a resolution of getting it repaired instead of replacing the entire roof.

Alderman Blackman thanked the Public Works Director and the Assistant Public Works Director for cleaning the ditches along Government Street from Magnolia Bayou out to Davis Bayou. He also thanked the Police Chief for increasing patrol in Bienville Subdivision after a rash of auto burglaries.

Alderman Impey said the vast majority of these burglaries are crimes of opportunity. He stated everyone should take the extra step and lock their cars.

Alderman Impey wants to publically send his sympathies to the Miner family. Alderman Impey said Ms. Mary Alice Miner passed away this week. He said the legislature went into session today and our Representative Hank Zuber asked the legislature to recess in memory of Ms. Miner today and recognize her for her contributions to the City of Ocean Springs.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Public Works Department, Building Department, Water Department, and City Legal Services.

Motion made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to set the salary for the Assistant Public Works Director of Field Operations and to increase the salary for the Assistant Public Works Administrator of Administration and Finance to the same level. Both changes to be effective immediately.

Motion made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to add discussion regarding JCUA to executive session.

Motion made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session and return to regular Meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2018.

The meeting ended at 8:37 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 2, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PROCLAMATION**

- a) Mississippi Municipal Government Week – January 14-20, 2018 (Exhibit 3-a)
- b) Lakota Lancaster Day – January 2, 2018

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Civil Service Commission Update – John Lee
- b) Vehicle insurance renewal - Scott Lemon (Exhibit 4-b)

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Inform the BOA of plans and goals of the Ocean Springs Business Coalition's January merchant mixer regarding the state flag and the future of Ocean Springs – Jan Rideout (Exhibit 5-a)

**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) Ratify a check to the Mental Health Association of South Mississippi in the amount of \$365.09 which was collected during a fundraiser held by the Mayor's Youth Council (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Accept the General Fund Revenue and Expenditures Report for the first quarter of FY17-18 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for the Krosty Kroc Run/Walk sponsored by the Salvation Army Kroc Center to be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am using the approved OS Bridge/Front Beach 5K route and onto Front Beach; \$200.00 incurred by the City for traffic control (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Authorize to hire Amanda Escobar, Deputy Court Clerk, effective January 4, 2018; \$12.00 hourly pay: one year probation pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-d)

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

- e) Authorize out of state travel for Fire Chief Jeff Ponson to attend a Fire Equipment Expo in Decatur, AL on January 11, 2018 as budgeted (Exhibit 6-e)

**Risk Manager/HR:**

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

**Community Development & Planning:**

- f) Approve the order approving the application of Moran Properties, LLC for Pre-Construction Ad Valorem Tax Exemption on an Outparcel of Land in the Central Business District located at 705 Washington Avenue, PID #60137022.000 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Ratify execution of Sub-Grant Agreement Amendment #2, DMR Project #HCG-2016-001 – National Heritage Area Funding/Replace Historic Flag Plaques at Fort Maurepas Park – no cost time extension (Exhibit 6-g)

**Planning Commission:**

- h) Accept Planning Commission's recommendation to approve an application for a Residential Short Term Rental Permit located at 1238 Iberville Drive, PID# 60119272.000 – Donald and Dianne del Cid (Exhibit 6-h)

**Building Department:**

- i) Accept Tree Protection Committee Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2017 (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Approve the Residential Building Permit Application to construct a Pier and Boathouse at 106 Spanish Point Court – Don and Regan Pfiffer (Exhibit 6-j)

**Parks & Recreation:**

- k) Approve the request from the Ocean Springs School District to waive the fees for the use of the Ocean Springs Halstead Tennis Courts from January 1, 2018 – May 13, 2018 for the OSHS Tennis Team to practice and hold matches with the agreement that the OSSD be responsible for all trash pickup and cleaning of the restrooms during the time frame requested (Exhibit 6-k)

**Facilities:**

**City Attorney:**

**H.R. Committee:**

**Finance Committee:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Update on the newspaper of record for the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 7-b)

**Police Dept.:**

**Fire Dept.:**

**Risk Manager/HR:**

- c) Discussion of replacement for Street Department Laborer C while deployed

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**8. 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

**9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Personnel in Public Works Department

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on January 16, 2018**