

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 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 August 7, 2018. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Authement, Bellman, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present was Interim City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Rev. Mike Barnett gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDENDUM

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to add the Addendum to the Agenda.

PRESENTATION

Richard Eckert, Tom Adams, and Brenda Smith, all members of American Legion Post 42, presented the Mayor and Public Works Director with a certificate from the World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum and Library honoring the Emile Ladnier WWI Memorial at Pershing Square in front of the Mary C. O'Keefe Arts and Cultural Center. Commander Brenda Smith thanked the City for all of their support. (Item 3-a)

NEW BUSINESS and ADDENDUM

The Mayor tabled item (4-A), An Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ocean Springs and the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Mississippi for the purpose of providing a more cost effective method of housing prisoners of the City at the Jackson County Adult Detention Center, until further clarification is received. (Exhibit 4-a)

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Bellman to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-14 Amending Ordinance No. 5-1972 by Removing from the Coverage Afforded by the Civil Service System the Position of City Clerk of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Motion passes. (Exhibit 4-b)

Alderman Gill	<u>Aye</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>Nay</u>

The City Attorney stated the City's rates with Cable One, Inc. are increasing from 3% to 5% of the gross revenue which equates to an increase of \$60,000.00 per year. The City Attorney stated AT&T is also in agreement to increase their gross revenue to 5%. He did not have the numbers from AT&T at this time to give an estimate of the increase in revenue the City will receive.

Motion made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt an Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Cable One, Inc. to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable System in the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise; Providing for Regulation and Use of the System and the Public Rights-of-Way and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation of the Provisions Herein. Motion passes (Exhibit A-1a)

Alderman Gill	<u>Aye</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>Aye</u>

OLD BUSINESS

Nikki Johns, AGJ Systems & Networks, updated the Board on the network infrastructure project. (Item 5-a)

CONSENT AGENDA and ADDENDUM

Motion made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to accept the consent agenda and addendum with the exceptions of items (j) pulled by Alderman Bellman and (6-u) pulled by Alderman Cox.

Alderman Cox pulled item (6-u) to ask the Planning and Grants Administrator for an explanation of the changes being made to the scope of work to the Front Beach Infrastructure Stabilization Improvements Project. The Planning and Grants

Administrator explained the first step is to wait to see when the state budget gets approved to determine the exact amount the City will receive. The Planning and Grants Administrator said once the funds get approved then she will seek concurrence to modify the scope of work to a broader area. Alderman Gill is requesting a holistic study regarding the hydraulics. She stated the original scope was for a specific element regarding storm runoff area and this would allow us to look for a solution for erosion along the Front Beach area as a whole.

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania and unanimously carried to accept item (6-u).

Alderman Bellman pulled item (6-j) to discuss in Executive Session.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve payment of the docket of claims and spread summary upon the minutes. (Exhibit 7-a)

Fire Department:

The Fire Chief requested "no parking" signs be placed on Minor Lane in order to allow fire trucks to get down the road in case of a fire or other medical emergency. Alderman Authement stated he is for moving forward with an ordinance to place no parking signs on Minor Lane. Mr. Barry Zuber thanked the Fire Chief for taking the initiative to address this serious issue. (Item 7-b)

The Director of Human Resources discussed the upcoming medical insurance renewal issues. The Director of Human Resources stated the City is facing a 20% increase with our medical insurance. The Director of Human Resources said after meeting with the insurance agent, interim city clerk, the Mayor, and the Blue Cross rep for rate relief or additional options the recommendation is to change the maximum out-of-pocket from \$6350.00 to \$7350.00 which resulted in a 17% increase at a cost of \$196,000.00. The Director of Human Resources is proposing to pass the additional cost of \$50.00 to the employees based on their insurance tier. She is also proposing to remove \$75,000.00 from the Lockard funds to help cover the additional cost for medical insurance.

Alderman Authement questioned whether or not the City could save \$10,000.00 by changing the agent of record from BancorpSouth to Lockard and Williams.

Motion made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to accept the recommendation of the Director of Human Resources to charge the employees \$50.00 per month for medical insurance, based on their insurance tier, due to the increase in cost of medical insurance and to use \$75,000.00 from the Lockard fund to go toward the City's portion of the cost increase.

Motion made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to appoint Lockard and Williams as the agent of record for the medical insurance. (Item 7-c)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Katie Yow, 1219 Parktown Drive, came before the Board again to discuss the cleaning of the ditch behind her house. Ms. Yow presented pictures to the Board showing where the ditch was cleaned from Highway 90 to the graveyard (3) three weeks ago. She is requesting Public Works to clean the ditch all the way down.

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement said he needs to get with Public Works to discuss the bricks in the road at the cross sections.

Alderman Authement also asked about the flower beds and beautification in preparation of Cruisin' the Coast and the Peter Anderson Festival.

Alderman Authement asked Mr. Chic Cody if there are any other issues to address before Cruisin' the Coast. Mr. Cody stated the roads on Front Beach, Government Street, and Washington Avenue need to be paved to make smooth. Mr. Cody also asked about getting the Cruisin' the Coast banners put up around town.

Alderman Authement reminded everyone about the Songwriters Festival on September 22, 2018.

Alderman Cox commented that the Songwriters Festival and Oktoberfest at the Mary C. are both on September 22, 2018. Alderman Cox stated barricades will need to be placed at the Mary C. and he will need Public Works to assist with hanging lights in the trees with the bucket truck for the Oktoberfest Event.

Alderman Papania asked for a status update on the lawn maintenance bids. The Interim City Clerk stated the bids were higher than anticipated and stated Public Works could hire (3) three full time employees for the entire year and sub out the cutting of the medians

and trimming the crepe myrtles and still come out even. The funding for (3) three additional employees is not in the current budget.

Alderman Blackman talked about how overgrown the crepe myrtles on Highway 90 from Highway 57 to Walmart are. Alderman Blackman suggested pulling (1) one laborer from every crew in Public Works once a week to go out and cut the crepe myrtles. Alderman Cox said now that school is back in session Colonel Farragut is looking for weekend projects for ROTC to do.

Alderman Blackman asked the Planning and Grants Administrator for an update on the Government Street Sidewalk Project. The Planning and Grants Administrator said they did approve the supplemental agreement with D. O'Brien and they are currently waiting on approval for both submittals to mobilize at one time but she has asked them to mobilize separately for the railing. Alderman Blackman asked the Planning and Grants Administrator to set up a meeting next week with all parties involved with this project.

Alderman Blackman suggested Public Works do some in-house paving to get some of the small projects done even if the equipment required to do the work has to be rented.

Alderman Blackman asked the Mayor to contact Buck Williams with Singing River Electric regarding the power outage on Sunday, July 29th. He stated a powerline fell over Government Street in front of Knapp Road. He would like them to know they did a great job getting things restored and back to working order in a timely manner.

Alderman Blackman updated the Board on the status of the Singing River Electric LED lighting upgrades in part of ward 4 and all of wards 5 and 6.

Alderman Impey reminded everyone about the Community Pep Rally on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at the Greyhound Stadium beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the pep rally starting at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Impey reminded everyone that August 22nd, 2018 is City Night at the Shuckers game at 6:35 p.m.

Alderman Impey notified the Board that there is a Miracle Flight fundraiser being held at the Ryan Youth Center on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket.

Alderman Blackman thanked all of the City employees for all of their hard work.

Alderman Cox reminded everyone that the Pepper Classic Golf Tournament is this weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Interim City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss personnel in the Police Department, personnel in the City Clerk's Office, and current litigation regarding JCUA.

Motion made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to approve the action of item (6-j) on the consent agenda.

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

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on August 21, 2018.

Meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PRESENTATION

- a) Presentation of award certificate to Mayor Dobson and Public Works Department - Richard Eckert and Tom Adams, American Legion Post 42

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss entering into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Ocean Springs and the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Mississippi for the purpose of providing a more cost effective method of housing prisoners of the City at the Jackson County Adult Detention Center (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Adopt Ordinance No. 2018-14 Amending Ordinance No. 5-1972 by Removing from the Coverage Afforded by the Civil Service System the Position of City Clerk of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (Exhibit 4-b)

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Update from AGJ – Nikki Johns

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 Mayor to sign and execute the Construction and Right-of-Way Use Agreement between the City of Ocean Springs and Telepak Networks, Inc. (Exhibit 6-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Authorize to Designate Applicant Agent for Hurricane Nate FEMA/MEMA project reimbursement to Interim City Clerk Patty Gaston and Accounting Clerk Jennifer Simmons as the alternate authorized representative (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for Counselor Briana Cardenez (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for Counselor Benett Demeritt (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for Counselor Regan Reid (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for grant employee Robynn Smith (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for Counselor Caroline Nailer (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Ratify check to the MS State Department of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for fingerprint card for Counselor Madeline Arnes (Exhibit 6-h)

- i) Adopt Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi to Remove Shelly Ferguson as Authorized Signatory and Establish Authorized Signatories on Bank Accounts Held by the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Accept Oath of Office of Ryheen Brown, Deputy City Clerk (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for Krewe of Salacia Glow Run/Walk Event to be held on Friday, August 31, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Ocean Springs Bridge walk only; no costs incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Approve Special Event Permit Application for the El Roi Ministries Rally for Recovery Event to be held at Marshall Park on Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; set up to begin at 9:00 a.m. and break down to begin at 2:00 p.m.; authorize El Roi Ministries the use of 10-15 tables and 20-30 chairs for the event; authorize to close Robinson Street from Washington Avenue to Church Street from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; the event organizer is to pay \$200.00 for traffic control (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Approve Special Event Application for a Campaign Fundraiser for Jennifer Sekul Harris to be held in the Civic Center Parking Lot on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; setup to begin at 7:00a.m. – tear down at 3:00 p.m.; no costs incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-m)

Police Dept.:

- n) Authorize to remove Patrolman Nick Sweeney from temporary status to full time status to fill the Patrolman vacancy resulting from Sergeant Carroll's promotion; authorize to keep the temporary position open until other full time vacancies are filled or Patrolman Bryan returns to duty (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Authorize the conversion of Cash English from a full-time Corrections Officer position to a full-time Patrolman position effective August 8, 2018; \$13.25 hourly rate until graduation from Academy then the hourly rate will increase to \$14.50; six month probationary period (Exhibit 6-o)

Fire Dept.:

- p) Authorize to extend the probationary period for Firefighters Tony Barnett, Corey Carlson, and Rasheeda Crawford by (90) ninety days to successfully complete the requirement of passing the national Registry for First Responder Certification exam (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Authorize to allow the transfer of the fuel tank behind the Civic Center to the Fire Department to use at James A. Murray fire station (Exhibit 6-q)

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

- r) Accept the termination of employee #2315 effective July 16, 2018; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Authorize to hire a temporary beautification employee at the hourly rate of \$10.00 for up to (4) four months to assist in preparing for upcoming special events while the supervisor's leave of absence is extended (Exhibit 6-s)
- t) Authorize to accept the check from Pascagoula Scrap Metal in the amount of \$3082.20 for revenue generated from miscellaneous scrap metal (unprepared steel); authorize to increase the Street Department materials and supplies (001-201-560) budget line item by this amount (Exhibit 6-t)

Community Development & Planning:

- u) Authorize to modify the scope of work for the DMR Tidelands FY19 award for Ocean Springs Front Beach Infrastructure Stabilization Improvements Project pending concurrence from DMR once the Grant Agreements are received (Exhibit 6-u)

Planning Commission:

Building Department:

- v) Accept Tree Protection Committee meeting minutes of July 24, 2018 (Exhibit 6-v)
- w) Accept Code Enforcement Report through July 31, 2018 (Exhibit 6-w)

Parks & Recreation:

- x) Authorize to advertise for bids for the Ocean Springs Sportsplex Concession Improvements Project (Exhibit 6-x)
- y) Accept letter of resignation from John W. Carter, Parks Maintenance Worker, effective August 14, 2018; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position at the rate of \$12.00 per hour (Exhibit 6-y)

City Attorney:

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-a)

Police:

Fire:

- b) Discuss no parking signs Minor Lane

Human Resources/Risk:

- c) Discussion on medical insurance renewal

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

Parks & Recreation:

City Attorney:

- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. The Board will take all comments under advisement to take potential action at a later date if warranted. Priority will be given to Ocean Springs residents and Business Owners.*

9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Personnel in the City Clerk's office
- b) Current litigation regarding JCUA

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 p.m. August 21, 2018

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. NEW BUSINESS

- a) An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Cable One, Inc., to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a Cable System in the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Setting Forth Conditions Accompanying the Grant of the Franchise; Providing for Regulation and Use of the System and the Public Rights-of-Way and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation of the Provisions Herein; (Exhibit A-1a)

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor:

- a) Authorize to accept the Proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement Between City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi and Cable One, Inc. (Exhibit A-2a)
- b) Authorize the City Attorney to mail a letter to AT&T regarding a change in Video Services Fee (Exhibit A-2b)

Public Works:

- c) Authorize to hire Leriol Chaney, Street Department Operator, effective August 27, 2018; \$14.50 hourly rate; one year probationary period; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit A-2c)
- d) Accept termination of employee #1846, Drainage Department Equipment Operator, effective August 7, 2018; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position (Exhibit A-2d)