

## **REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2021**

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 June 1, 2021. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Authement, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were the City Attorney Nicole Sullivan, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Meggan Switzer.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

### **AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The City Clerk explained a Resolution was needed to begin the process of purchasing items that will be paid for by a loan. A motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Bellman to adopt a Resolution expressing the official intent of the City with respect to reimbursement of expenditures made in connection with the cost of construction, repair, improving, equipping, and adorning of various city facilities; and purchasing land, machinery, and equipment from bonds to be issued not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 (Exhibit 4-a).

The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Bellman	Aye
Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

The Deputy City Clerk discussed the insurance premium increase this year for the Taconi building and the upcoming lease renewals for use of the building (Exhibit 4-b). Alderman Cox

**EXHIBIT # 7-j**

asked the Deputy City Clerk to determine how much each lease should be increased to cover the insurance rate increase.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The appeal for 9341 Meadow View Drive of the Planning Commission denial of a gravel driveway without the required 10 feet solid surface (Exhibit 5-a) was deferred at the applicant's request.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Bellman, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Authorize to extend the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency enacted March 16, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 outbreak (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Approve Walk/Run permit application for the Wesson Memorial 2 Mile Run – GC Running Club and Blossman YMCA; Saturday, July 3, 2021; from 8:00 am to 10:00 am; begin and end at Pine Drive; no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event costs (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 for the Swearing-In Ceremony and Reception on June 30, 2021 (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Authorize the City Clerk and Mayor-Elect to search for new office furniture with a budget of up to \$10,000 with the expenditure to be reviewed and approved at the later date (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Accept May 2021 Aged Receivable Report for utility billing (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Authorize retiring Police Captain William Jackson to purchase his duty weapon for \$1.00 from the City of Ocean Springs per MS State Statute 45-9-131 (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU with the MS Department of Marine Resources for the boat slip usage at MDMR Marina at 1709 Harbor Road Ocean Springs, MS MOU#21-COOS-001 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Human Resources action item (Exhibit 6-h):
  - a. Accept retirement of Police Captain William Jackson, effective May 31, 2021; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
  - b. Authorize promotion of Police Lieutenant Matthew Morvant to Captain, Step 1, \$25.00 hourly rate (based on 2,080 hours annually); effective June 12, 2021; six-month probationary status; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
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- d. Authorize employment of Kameryn Walker, Patrolman, Step 2, \$18.54 hourly rate (based on 2,080 hours annually); effective on or about June 2, 2021; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- e. Authorize removal of Patrolman Charles "Trey" Smith from probationary status to full-time status effective immediately
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- g. Authorize the transfer of Drainage Laborer Connor Jarrett to Equipment Operator I, Step 1, \$13.89 hourly rate (based on 2,080 hours annually); effective June 12, 2021; six-month probationary status; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- i) Approve Short-Term Rental Permit for 1109 Calhoun Avenue PID #60137670.000 (this approval will be the 44th active STR permit) (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Approve Short-Term Rental Permit for 513 Martin Avenue PID #61460010.000 (this approval will be the 45th active STR permit) (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Accept Code Enforcement Report through May 27, 2021(Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Accept Tree Department recommendations – Tree Applications through May 24, 2021 (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Ratify the MOU and Hold Harmless Agreement with Valerie Winn for activities at the Mary C. (Exhibit 6-m)
- n) Approve logo for the Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Adopt Resolution to make repairs and improvements at Fort Maurepas and Front Beach using 2% funds (Exhibit 6-o)

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all other expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 7-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Gill, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 7-b).

### Building Department:

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to defer the tree appeal at 10 Davis Bayou Circle until the Building Official contacts the property owner (Exhibit 7-c).

### Parks & Recreation:

The discussion of Tennis proposals received was deferred until the new Board takes office.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Gergen thanked the Board on behalf of the Republican Executive Committee for four years of fiscal responsibility.

Bill Moore reminded everyone of the Red, White, and Blueberry Festival on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm. He said Singing River Hospital will be providing COVID vaccinations at the festival.

## **ALDERMAN'S FORUM**

Alderman Authement asked the Public Works Director to ensure all preparations are complete for the Red, White, and Blueberry Festival and the Budweiser Clydesdale Parade. He asked the Special Events Coordinator about the Big Game Fishing Tournament. He replied that no event was planned for Ocean Springs. Alderman Authement said three local nursing homes would like to use Freedom Field on June 26<sup>th</sup> for a charity kickball tournament and asked the Parks Director to schedule.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to execute a letter authorizing beer and wine to be served at the Mary C. for the Crawfish & Cornhole for Classrooms Fundraiser contingent on security being obtained for the event. (Exhibit 9-a).

Alderman Papania asked the Public Works Director for an update on the repaving of Hunter Drive. He replied Jackson County said they would be completing the project next week. Alderman Papania requested Public Works repair a rut in the road at Seaside Drive and East Beach Drive. Alderman Papania asked the City Engineer for an update on the Monster Ditch Drainage Project. He replied the permits were received last week and now they can move forward with the plan on schedule.

Alderman Cox said the mirror on Porter Avenue at the Villa Maria needs to be readjusted after the recent storm moved it. He added that a pothole on Jackson Avenue also needs to be repaired.

Alderman Blackman asked the Planning & Grants Administrator for a Government Street Sidewalk Project update. She replied BMA Engineers are working with MDOT and she would give a more accurate update after the funding meeting tomorrow. Alderman Blackman requested the Deputy City Clerk research the minutes to determine if the 3-way stop at Fountainbleau Road and Old Spanish Trail was placed by City Ordinance around 2005-2006. He added for all to go tour the new Fire Training Facility.

Alderman Impey reminded all the Fire Training Facility will have a ribbon-cutting and a dedication on June 7th at 11 am. He asked the Planning & Grants Administrator if the Parktown Drainage Project went out to bid. She replied it is scheduled for next week and the opening would be in July for the Fort Bayou Drainage & Water Project, Fort Bayou Sewer Project, and Parktown Drainage Project. Alderman Impey requested the newly paved roads get paved and move forward with getting striping completed.

The City Clerk said two vehicles, one for Fire Department and the other for the incoming Mayor, are ready to be purchased but are not on the docket. A motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to purchase two vehicles from Crown Dodge for a total amount of \$77,549.00.

The Special Events Coordinator requested the Aldermen give \$300.00 from their ward funds to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and other refreshments at the Fire Training Tower Dedication. The City Clerk said only 25% of ward funds can be spent in the last quarter, so any that have already spent ward funds cannot give from their ward funds. Fire Chief McCoy said the firemen can cook and do demos at the tower. A motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Bellman, and unanimously carried to provide up to \$300.00 from the Mayor's Fund for the Fire Training Tower Dedication to advertise the City's resources.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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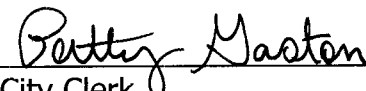
The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that a motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss potential litigation regarding court action to clean property located in Ward 6 as such will impede litigation efforts.

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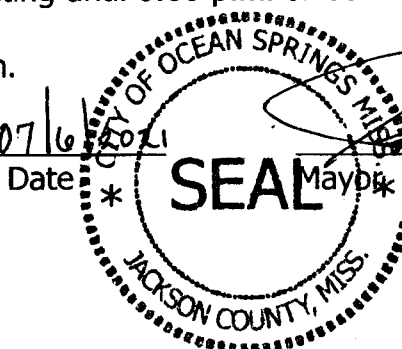
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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** *\*\* The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, **ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda.** The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. **Please identify yourself and the agenda item,** if no agenda item is stated you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Adopt Resolution expressing the official intent of the City with respect to reimbursement of expenditures made in connection with the cost of construction, repair, improving, equipping, and adorning of various city facilities; and purchasing land, machinery, and equipment from bonds to be issued not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 (Exhibit 4-a)
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**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) The appeal for 9341 Meadow View Drive of the Planning Commission denial of a gravel driveway without the required 10 feet solid surface (Exhibit 5-a)

**6. CONSENT AGENDA** *\* All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

**Mayor:**

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**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Accept Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit 7-b)

**Building Department:**

- c) Tree Appeal – 10 Davis Bayou Circle (Exhibit 7-c)

**Parks & Recreation:**

- d) Discuss Tennis Proposals and Position

- 8. GENERAL 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. Please identify yourself before speaking.*

**9. ALDERMEN’S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021**