

REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 2, 2019

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 July 2, 2019. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Authement, Bellman, Cox, Blackman and Impey were present. Also present were City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi. Aldermen Gill and Papania were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Chic Cody gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDENDUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

The City Planner presented an amendment to the UDC sign regulations and said it is specifically for hospitals and medical campuses. Currently hospitals and medical campuses are categorized as a retail or office building but they have unique needs for directional signage that are being addressed in this proposal. The proposal is to have the regulations more similar with a big box retailers and shopping centers; with free standing signs, wall signs and directional signs.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Authement to adopt an ordinance; an amendment to the Unified Development Code for the City of Ocean Springs, MS amending Chapter 8 regarding signs permitted in commercial and industrial districts (Exhibit 3-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Eric Page introduced himself to the Mayor and the Board as the new Executive Director for Jackson County Utility Authority. He said to contact him with any issues or questions and that he is looking forward to serving Ocean Springs.

Alderman Authement requested that the Aldermen be prepared to vote at the recess meeting for Debris Monitoring proposals. The information will be in the Mayor's office for the Aldermen to review at their convenience.

The Mayor said in his opinion, committees serve a great purpose and are beneficial to the Board and the City. Alderman Blackman agreed and said it was a hasty decision to remove the committees previously. Alderman Impey agreed and said committees help streamline the processes. Alderman Authement said he thinks that previously there were too many new board members and some Aldermen felt like they were left out and not informed but now will feel more comfortable with committees. Alderman Cox said that both Finance and HR committees should be reinstated. Alderman Blackman agreed and said that all Aldermen need to be present for the appointments to the committees. Alderman Bellman confirmed that information would be given to the other Aldermen not on the committees. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to reinstate the Finance Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda except items 4-o, 4-q, 4-r, and A-1c.

Alderman Authement asked to table item 4-q, use permit for multi-function event center at 1512 Government Street, until the August 6, 2019 meeting.

Alderman Bellman asked about a specific situation on the Tree Committee minutes on item 4-r, regarding 436 Whispering Pines Drive. Mr. Newman Smith, 434 Whispering Pines spoke as to why he wants his neighbor's trees removed. The Board advised him that it is civil matter and not for the Board of Aldermen to decide. Mr. Phil Seymour, 436 Whispering Pines Drive, said that he did agree to remove two trees to appease his neighbor, a Sycamore and a Water Oak tree but did not agree to remove the Live Oak trees. He claims that Mr. Smith changed his diagram and resubmitted it to the Tree Committee with the Live Oak trees changed to Water Oak trees. He also claims that Mr. Smith said the Board gave him permission to cut any tree he wants from Mr. Seymour's property including two Live Oaks on the opposite side of his property. The Mayor again said that this is a civil matter. Motion was made by Alderman Bellman, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to approve the Tree Protection Committee meeting minutes from June 25, 2019 (Exhibit 4-r)

Alderman Cox asked the Planning & Grants Administrator about the progress of the Living Shoreline. She responded that the advertisement will be scheduled once the clearance of

permits are received. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to authorize to Execute Tidelands Lease Agreement – DMR Tidelands FY18-P501-05OS OS Front Beach Living Shoreline (Exhibit 4-o).

Alderman Impey said the day needs to be changed on item A-1c from Saturday to Thursday. Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to change the day from Saturday to Thursday, July 4, 2019 for the Wesson 2 mile run and approve the Run/Walk Permit (Exhibit A-1c).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 5-a).

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the budget report (Exhibit 5-b).

The City Clerk explained the presented budget amendments report. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to approve the budget amendments (Exhibit 5-c).

Police Chief Dunston serves as our representative as the Commissioner on the Jackson County Emergency Telecommunications Board and he updated the Board of Aldermen on the need for a county wide 911 radio system purchase to ensure emergency communications in Jackson County always work properly. He gave a history of the emergency communications systems in Jackson County and Mississippi. He said that the Wireless Communication Commission has been tabling the going forward with the county wide 911 radio system. He asked that the Board of Aldermen support his effort at the next WCC meeting Thursday, July 11th in Jackson, MS.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve the Contract Agreement between Jackson County Civic Action Committee and the MS Gulf Coast YMCA (Exhibit 5-e).

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to authorize Compton Engineering, Inc. to advertise for the MLK Park Shade Structure Project (Exhibit A – 2a).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katie Yow, 1219 Parktown Drive, said she appreciates the ditch being cut recently but it is unable to drain out because cuttings were thrown back into ditch. During the last heavy

rain, her road flooded up to four feet into her yard. She showed pictures of the ditch and water in her yard but when the Mayor asked for the pictures she only allowed the photos to be viewed not kept. The Planning & Grants Administrator replied that the area she is discussing is included in a grant fund and clearing is the next step forward.

Phil Seymour, 436 Whispering Pines Drive, asked about his recourse for his neighbor blowing leaves in his yard for over 15 years, and was told that it is a civil matter. He also said that he has been taking notes on his calendar and recently made a note that he is in fear for his life from his neighbor. It was advised for him to discuss his concerns with the Police Department.

ALDERMAN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement asked about the progress on the lights on Government Street. Alderman Cox replied that the City Electrician was scheduled to review since the cost estimate from Mississippi Power was high. The Public Works Assistant Director said he would follow up with the City Electrician. Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to waive the rental fees for the Community Center on August 5, 2019 at 5:30 to have a community supper, hosted by the Water Anderson Museum of Art which is a 501(c)(3) organized under Mississippi law.

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to waive fees for the rental of available city facilities for Comeback Coolers packing assembly for natural disasters as needed from July 2 until December 31, 2019; Comeback Coolers is a 501(c)(3) organized under Mississippi law.

Alderman Bellman asked the Mayor if the resident of 1910 Stuart Avenue had contacted him about the need for a street light. The Mayor responded yes, that he notified Mississippi Power.

Alderman Cox requested that Public Works grass cutters, edge Government Street from Holcomb Blvd to Downtown.

Alderman Blackman said that the sidewalks on the East end of the City are in need of grass edging attention also. The Public Works Assistant Director replied they have been short equipment and manpower.

Alderman Impey reminded everyone about the City Fireworks show Wednesday, July 3, 2019, starting around 7:00 p.m. with music and the fireworks will begin approximately at 8:45 p.m. The Police Chief added that there will be one way parking facing East on the seawall side at both Front Beach and East Beach, and that violators will be towed. Also, some other city employees will be utilized for traffic control rather than Police officers.

Alderman Cox requested that Parks & Recreation have an employee at Fort Maurepas to help with the bathrooms. The Mayor said he will request Port-o-lets from Waste Pro for the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox 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 that a motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss the Fire Chief vacancy with Civil Service Commission and litigation on Nercado and Cheney.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to come out of executive session.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on July 16, 2019.

Meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

Betty Norton
City Clerk

August 6, 2019
Date

Glen Gibson
Mayor

August 6, 2019
Date

**ADDENDUM TO RECESS MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN • CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
July 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall**

1) CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor:

- a) Correction to Agenda Exhibit 4 – a; Contract for Professional Services for Chic Cody (Exhibit A – 1a)
- b) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for Kroc & Roll Sunset Race; scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., OS Bridge; No Requirements; No cost incurred by the City (Exhibit A – 1b)
- c) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for Wesson 2 Mile Run; scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., YMCA Route 2 Mile – Pine Ave. to Pine Ave.; No Requirements; No cost incurred by the City (Exhibit A – 1c)

City Clerk:

- d) Ratify check to Lisa Fazzio in the amount of \$2,928.00 for Instructor's Pay (Exhibit A – 1d)
- e) Authorize refund to Richard Davis in the amount of \$25.00 for canceled home occupancy inspection (Exhibit A – 1e)
- f) Adopt Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, MS to make findings relevant to purchase of Street Sweeper (Exhibit A – 1f)

Human Resources:

- g) Authorize employment of Adam Johnson, Firefighter, effective July 8, 2019; \$10.43 hourly rate; one year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- h) Authorize removal of Water Department Laborer Nick Cruthirds from probationary status to full time status effective June 6, 2019 (Exhibit A – 1g, h)

Community Development & Planning:

- i) Approve Ratification – FY21 Tidelands Application Submittal (Exhibit A – 1i)

Parks & Recreation:

- j) Authorize payment to JLB Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$36,233.05 for Freedom Field Improvements Contractors Pay Application Number 5 (Exhibit A – 1j)

2) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks & Recreation:

- a) Authorize Compton Engineering, Inc. to advertise for MLK Park Shade Structure Project (Exhibit A – 2a)

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN • CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
July 2, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Adopt an Ordinance; An Amendment to the Unified Development Code for the City of Ocean Springs, MS Amending Chapter 8 Regarding Signs Permitted in Commercial and Industrial Districts (Exhibit 3-a)
- b) Introduction of Eric Page as the new Executive Director for Jackson County Utility Authority (Exhibit 3-b)
- c) Discussion of Debris Monitoring Bids
- d) Discussion of Committees

4. CONSENT AGENDA*

** Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 4, 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 to execute the Contract for Profession Services for Chic Cody effective July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020 (Exhibit 4-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting June 4, 2019 (Exhibit 4-b)

Police Department:

- c) Authorize to Declare 2008 Dodge Magnum VIN: 2D4GV47288H262227 as Surplus, no value to the Police Department; remove from City inventory, and send vehicle to auction (Exhibit 4 – c, d, e)
- d) Authorize Transfer of 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 VIN: 1D7HA18N33S342742 from Police Department to Public Works Department (Exhibit 4 – c, d, e)
- e) Authorize to Declare the following items as Surplus; no value to the city and to allow for Disposal: GBC Shredmaster 5550X Shredder (Asset tag #4545) and GBC Shredmaster 3550X Shredder (Asset tag #7326) (Exhibit 4 – c, d, e)
- f) Authorize Transfer Ownership and Management of Operation: Blue Christmas (OBC) toy drive from Ocean Springs Police Department to Mayor's Youth Council (Exhibit 4-f)
- g) Authorize to accept the two part bid from Reach Communication Inc. for the Police Department Video Surveillance System for the amount of \$70,010.00 and is budgeted using 2% funds (Exhibit 4-g)

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Management: (Exhibit 4 – h, i, j, k, l, m)

- h) Authorize reemployment of Employee #2162, Patrolman, effective on or about July 17, 2019; \$16.83 with increase to \$17.65 in October 2019 when Step Scale goes into effect; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- i) Accept resignation of Firefighter Rasheeda Crawford, effective July 3, 2019; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- j) Authorize removal of Public Works Laborer C Vernon Smith from probationary status to full time status effective June 16, 2019
- k) Authorize termination of Public Works Employee #2133, effective June 18, 2019; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- l) Authorize to begin the process of filling the Administration Assistant position for Parks & Recreation Department
- m) Authorize termination of Parks Probationary Employee #2399, effective June 28, 2019; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- n) Accept Status Report: Deana/Groveland Property Determination of Zoning District (Exhibit 4-n)
- o) Authorize to Execute Tidelands Lease Agreement – DMR Tidelands FY18-P501-05OS OS Front Beach Living Shoreline (Exhibit 4-o)

Planning Commission:

- p) Approve Short Term Rental Permit Application – Liz & Chase Sekul 2 Evelyn Drive PID: 61180020.000 (Exhibit 4-p)
- q) Approve Use Permit for Multi-function Event Center at 1512 Government Street PID: 60130180.050 (Exhibit 4-q)

Building Department:

- r) Approve Tree Protection Committee meeting minutes from June 25, 2019 (Exhibit 4-r)
- s) Approve Code Enforcement Report through June 28, 2019 (Exhibit 4-s)

Parks & Recreation:

City Attorney:

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) Accept Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit 5-b)
- c) Approve Budget Amendments (Exhibit 5-c) (To be distributed prior to the meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019)

Police Department:

- d) Discussion of County Wide 911 Radio System Purchase

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Manager:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

Parks & Recreation:

- e) Approve the Contract Agreement between Jackson County Civic Action Committee and MS Gulf Coast YMCA (Exhibit 5-e)

City Attorney:

6. **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 into the microphone.

7. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on July 16, 2019