

REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 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 August 6, 2019. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman and Impey were present. Also present were City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi. Alderman Authement was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

ADDENDUM

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor asked the Aldermen to review the Debris Monitoring Proposals that are located in his office before the next meeting (Exhibit 4-a).

NEW BUSINESS

John Lockard with Lockard & Williams Insurance gave the Board an update for the annual Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) renewal. After working closely with the Human Resources Director, they were able to reduce the annual premium increase from 25% to 20%. Unfortunately, the City has several high dollar on going claims. They are also considering increasing the out of pocket cost and copays to further reduce the cost. He said he still has yet to receive the quote from United Healthcare, but is expecting the quote to be lower than BCBS. If it is lower, he will attempt to negotiate with BCBS to lower the cost by using the quote from United. Alderman Blackman asked about a self-insured option. John replied that it may be an option in January but we are too close to open enrollment to explore that option now. Alderman Blackman asked that the Mayor follow up to see about switching to self-insuring in January or at the next open enrollment time. The Human Resources Director said another update will be given early next week in a special call to make a final decision.

The Planning & Grants Administrator explained PID: 60123170.000 is a remnant property from the annexation of the property from Jackson County. Now the property owner adjacent would like to purchase it so that their property is not land locked. Both the city and the buyer will have to get an appraisal of the property to determine the fair market

value of the property. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the appraisal of property located at Deena Road and Jamez Drive (PID: 60123170.000) for possible sale (Exhibit 5-a).

At the last meeting the Principal from Pecan Park Elementary asked the Board for a LED sign for messaging information. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve an electronic message center sign for Pecan Park Elementary School, 504 Hanley Road (Exhibit 5-b).

The City Clerk explained that rather than have to secure two quotes each time the gas tanks need to be filled, they are interested in getting a quote for a year of gasoline at market price to save in cost and time. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to authorize to advertise for bids for fuel/diesel services for a period of one year for the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments (Exhibit 5-c).

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda except items 6-a and 6-u.

The Planning & Grants Administrator explained that item 6-u needed clarification because of confusing wording. She said the Board should deny the use permit due to lack of parking documentation. Motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to deny the use permit for a Multi-Function Event Center at 1512 Government Street due to lack of parking documentation (Exhibit 6-u).

Alderman Gill said that he disagrees with the Mayor's veto of the Finance Committee (Exhibit 6-a). He said he wants all seven of the Aldermen to participate in the budget process. He asked that before the Mayor exercises his right to veto, he should try to broker a compromise with the Aldermen. Alderman Papania said he does not like the procedure of finding a letter in his box for the veto without much of an explanation; he would rather have a debate with the Mayor before a veto is submitted. Alderman Blackman said that when Finance Committee meetings are scheduled, the meeting notice will be posted and minutes will be taken, and then the committee will present the information to the Board as a whole. Motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Blackman to confirm the veto action to disband the Finance Committee made at the July 16, 2019 Recess meeting (Exhibit 6-a). Motion was tied with Aldermen Cox, Impey and Blackman voting aye; and Aldermen Gill, Bellman and Papania voting nay. Motion passed with the Mayor breaking the tie and voting aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board said that she had received quotes from three different companies for comfort stations for Cruisin' the Coast and the Peter Anderson Festival since they are no longer covered in our contract with Waste Pro. The best quote was provided by Jazzy John's and would include two air conditioned luxury trailers with three stalls, one ADA compliant stall, and a full time attendant to ensure they are in working order and restocking supplies for three days for Cruisin' the Coast and two days for the Peter Anderson Festival for up to \$6,181.70. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to approve the Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board, to negotiate with Jazzy John's for up to \$6,181.70 for comfort stations for Cruisin' the Coast and the Peter Anderson Festival and using funds from Garbage and any remaining cost from the 2% funds.

The Mayor said the Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter Pets is having their annual "Paddle for Paws Poker Float" event on September 21, 2019 and they have asked the City to purchase a sponsorship. For a \$500.00 sponsorship the City would get a logo on the event banner, flyers, Facebook and t-shirts. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship for the Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter Pets, a 501c3 organization, annual "Paddle for Paws Poker Float" event on September 21, 2019; bringing favorable notice of the resources and opportunities of the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 7-a).

The Police Chief explained that he needs to be notified before events if roads need to remain closed after the scheduled ending time. He said it puts too great a stress on his department to have the time extended by several hours after the scheduled ending time, on the day of the event. He said it has been an ongoing problem after each event for several years. He then specifically asked about the upcoming Cruisin' the Coast event. The Special Events Coordinator said it would be beneficial to have the roads closed for a minimum of two hours past the event ending time and on Friday to have the roads closed until at least 9:00 p.m. Alderman Blackman asked Public Works to make signs for the entry gates of the event that have the street opening times listed. Alderman Bellman suggested flyers with street opening times listed to be handed out at the gates. The Mayor said he would work it out. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve extending road closure times for Cruisin' the Coast 2019; Thursday until 5:00 p.m., Friday until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday until 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 7-c).

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the budget report (Exhibit 7-d).

The City Clerk explained that the water adjustment for 3002 Trentwood Drive has been before the Board previously, and the owner tried to get an adjustment from the pool

company but they declared no fault. The owner suspects a neighbor of turning on a faucet in retaliation for a complaint and since he does not live in state it was not noticed quickly. He has paid \$700.00 of his water bill in good faith that his sewer would be reviewed by the board and determined that he did not receive benefit which was due to unforeseen circumstances. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed on Exhibit 7-e; with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ALDERMAN'S FORUM

Alderman Bellman asked the Mayor if he had an update on 1910 Stuart Avenue for a street light. The Mayor responded that he did not have an update but he did notify Mississippi Power.

Alderman Cox asked Public Works about Pine Drive that was recently paved, and said there seems to be a new hole. The Public Works Director explained that the hole was due to the repair a busted water line and said it would be repaired on Monday with new asphalt. Alderman Cox then thanked Public Works for the cleaning of Fort Bayou Bridge median and several ditches, he said he had received several calls giving thanks. He then asked the Police Chief about the need for Crossing Guards with schools starting. The Police Chief said that they have them mostly covered but could still use some good applicants if anyone knows of someone that may be interested.

Alderman Papania asked the Mayor to ask Mississippi Power about the LED lighting conversion project that has stalled. He specifically mentioned receiving calls from residents of Stark Bayou. He then asked the Deputy Building Official about 301 Hunter Drive who said that the resident was evicted but he was still there and the Code Enforcement Officer is reviewing the situation currently.

Alderman Blackman requested consideration of extending the school zone on Hanshaw Road north up to between the railroad crossing and Bergerac Lane. He had previously spoken with the Police Chief and since the southern portion is already designated as a school zone it should be simple to extend it. He also requested adding a painted cross walk painted at Bergerac Lane and Hanshaw Road and the repainting the one at Cabildo Place and Hanshaw Road, 3-d if possible. He then said he would like to add a flashing caution light in between Bergerac Lane and Cabildo Place on Hanshaw Road. He notified Public Works that the Pedestrian Crossing Light was knocked down by a vehicle on the corner of Hanshaw Road and Old Spanish Trail and needs to be replaced as soon as

possible with school starting. There was discussion as to whether the light is the City's or Jackson County's, he said he would check with the Jackson County Supervisor. Alderman Blackman said he has a home owner requesting a speed bump in Bienville Place to try to see if works.

Alderman Bellman said that the Golf Carts driving on the road need to be reviewed to insure they are permitted and of legal use and if not, to ticket them.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Tracee Scott-Williams representing the United States Census and the State of Mississippi's Outreach Efforts (Exhibit 3-a).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Gill 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 Gill, seconded by Alderman Papania and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss the Chaney litigation, personnel in the Fire Department and Police Department.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman 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 August 20, 2019.

Meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

Patty Norton
City Clerk

8/20/19
Date

Shia Doss
Mayor

8/20/19
Date

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

1) NEW BUSINESS

- a) BCBS Renewal Update – John Lockard

2) CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor:

- a) Adopt Resolution to request assistance from Jackson County fulfilling the role of City Building Official (Exhibit A – 2a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Budget Amendments (Exhibit A – 2b)
- c) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting July 16, 2019 (Exhibit A – 2c)

Human Resources: (Exhibit A – 2d, e, f)

- d) Accept notification given on August 5, 2019 of resignation of Building Official James Leahy, effective August 2, 2019; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- e) Authorize employment of Thomas Lizana, Sewer Equipment Operator, effective August 19, 2019; \$14.75 hourly rate, one year probation, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- f) Authorize three month extension of probationary period for Electrician Will Ziz

3) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

- a) Discussion of quotes for comfort stations for Cruisin' the Coast and Peter Anderson Festival (Exhibit A – 3a)

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PROCLAMATION

- a) The United States Census and the State of Mississippi's Outreach Efforts, presented to Scott Stradner (Exhibit 3-a)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion of Debris Monitoring Proposals (Exhibit 4-a)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve appraisal of property located at Deena Road and Jamez Drive (PID: 60123170.000) for possible sale (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) Approval of an Electronic Message Center Sign for Pecan Park Elementary School, 504 Hanley Road (Exhibit 5-b)
- c) Authorize to advertise for bids for fuel/diesel services for a period of one year for Public Works, Police and Fire Departments (Exhibit 5-c)

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) Confirmation of veto of action to disband Finance Committee taken at July 16, 2019 Recess meeting (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Approve letters allowing use of specific properties for a limited time during Cruisin' the Coast 2019 and The Peter Anderson Festival (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Special Event Permit Application for Artwalk 2019; Scheduled for Saturday August 31, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Artist will be set up along Washington Avenue and Government Street sidewalks/storefronts; No cost incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Approve date change for Run/Walk Permit for Walk for the Blind 5K; change from August 17, 2019 to September 21, 2019 starting at 8:00 a.m.; all other information remains the same (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Special Event Permit Application for Cruisin' the Coast 2019; Scheduled for Thursday, October 10th through Saturday, October 12, 2019; in Downtown Ocean Springs; Overtime cost may be incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-e)

City Clerk:

- f) Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting July 2, 2019 (Exhibit 6-f)

- g) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 10, 2019 (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 16, 2019 (Exhibit 6-h)
- i) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 19, 2019 (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 25, 2019 (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting July 31, 2019 (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Authorize to terminate the status of local emergency enacted by Tropical Cyclone Two, which became Hurricane Barry, proclaimed on July 10, 2019 (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Authorize to extend the resolution proclaiming the existence of a local emergency enacted March 11, 2019 for Front Beach Drive due to the incapacitation of street lights along Front Beach Drive; extend for 30 days (Exhibit 6-m)
- n) Adopt Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, MS to sell surplus personal property with value of less than \$1,000.00 (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Adopt Resolution of the City of Ocean Springs, MS to match donated funds to the Walter Anderson Museum of Art (Exhibit 6-o)
- p) Accept July 2019 Aged Receivable Report for Utility Billing (Exhibit 6-p)

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Management: (Exhibit 6 – q, r, s)

- q) Authorize transfer of General Admin Clerk Marissa Jones to Purchasing-Accounting Assistant, effective August 10, 2019; \$16.08 hourly rate, six month probation
- r) Authorize removal of Firefighters Brent Mitchell and Lionel Cothern from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- s) Authorize employment of Danny Harris, Yardman, effective August 12, 2019; \$8.15 hourly rate, one year probation, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- t) Authorization to Execute Amendment #1 for the current Engineering Contract with Allen Engineering & Science; Tidelands Project – FY18-P501-05OS OS Front Beach Living Shoreline (Exhibit 6-t)

Planning Commission:

- u) Approve Use Permit for a Multi-Function Event Center; 1512 Government Street; PID: 60130180.050 (Exhibit 6-u)

Building Department:

- v) Accept Tree Protection Committee meeting minutes from July 23, 2019 (Exhibit 7-v)
- w) Approve Code Enforcement Report through August 3, 2019 (Exhibit 6-w)

Parks & Recreation:

City Attorney:

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

- a) Discussion of supporting Friends of Jackson County Animal Shelter Pets annual “Paddle for Paws Poker Float” event on September 21, 2019 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Discussion of road closure times during Cruisin’ the Coast 2019 (Exhibit 7-b)

City Clerk:

- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 7-c)
- d) Accept Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Authorize adjustment of water/sewer accounts due to a finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances (Exhibit 7-e)

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk Manager:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

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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.*

- Please identify yourself before speaking into the microphone.

9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discussion of Chaney lawsuit

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on August 20, 2019