

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2013

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 April 2, 2013. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo and Hagan were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the month of April as Safe Digging Month.

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of items (c) and (n) which were pulled by Alderman Cox.

Alderman Cox pulled item (c) for clarification of the expenses. The expenses were covered by the sponsorships collected for the State of the City Address.

Alderman Cox pulled item (n) for clarification of the part-time position. It is an existing position that was recently vacated.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize payment of two (2) warrant requests for expenses associated with the State of the City Address and authorize employment of Victoria Delancy, Part-time Court Cashier, \$10.00 hourly, effective April 8, 2013, six-month probationary period and

pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibits 7-c and 7-n).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

Information Item:

The Mayor provided an update on the proposed boutique hotel on Government Street. She stated the developer is in discussion with a local bank and hope to have a decision from bank in the next two (2) weeks. She also presented the cost of infrastructure spent to date (Exhibit 8-a).

Alderman McDonnell suggested exploring other locations that would be a more suitable and conducive site for a hotel. If the Government Street property is not used for the stated purposes for a period of two (2) years and it reverts back to the City, he would like it to be returned to its original intent for parking.

The Mayor also stated Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Aldermen regarding converting a house to a homeless shelter. The Reverend stated the church owns property on Railroad Street that they wish to convert to a homeless shelter. They are in the process of obtaining a grant to refurbish the property and bring it up to code.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to issue a letter of support to Macedonia Baptist Church to convert a residence on Railroad Street to a homeless shelter. The Reverend will report back to the Board with updates on the progress.

Building Department:

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to authorize to begin the process to advertise for an additional member of the Historic Preservation Commission to be in full compliance with the Mississippi Department of Archives & History (Exhibit 8-b).

Peer Review Committee:

Alderman Cox announced the committee discussed and recommends approval of the cost of living adjustment for the full-time employees not on probation. The finance committee will make their recommendation at the next board meeting.

Alderman Cox also stated the committee discussed and recommends approval of changing the Animal Control Officer position to include being a sworn Police Officer to

give the officer more authority to investigate animal cruelty and similar issues but not to begin until the current Animal Control Officer retires.

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Cody asked for Board input concerning the recent downtown events that are causing business owners and residents to clean up bottles, cans, trash, clothing, etc. from their properties after these events.

The Mayor proposes hosting a meeting with the businesses, residents, and the Chamber of Commerce to offer input and suggestions for a solution to these issues. She also stated more police presence patrolling the parallel and outer streets, more lighting and trash receptacles may help.

Alderman McDonnell suggested stronger enforcement of the laws the City has in place already. He further stated the City needs to provide more public restroom; more trash receptacles for these types of events. He also suggested encouraging the restaurant and bar owners form a Restaurant and Beverage Association in order to assist the City with resources to help the City with these events.

Alderman Cox stated the Parks Department did an excellent job at the recent Lacrosse tournament held at the Highway 57 Sports Complex but there was a major parking issue. The limited parking needs to be addressed so that it does not hinder the City from hosting these types of events. He said the City needs to obtain more property in order to provide more parking for this facility. Alderman McDonnell asked the Parks Director to obtain a cost to lease golf carts to provide transportation. It was also suggested widening the entrance road for shoulder parking. This option will be explored.

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2013.

The meeting ended at 6:41 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
April 2, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER

2) ROLL CALL

3) PROCLAMATIONS

- a) Safe Digging Month – April, 2013 (Exhibit 3-a)
- b) Child Abuse Prevention Month – April, 2013 (Exhibit 3-b)

4) OLD BUSINESS

5) NEW BUSINESS

6) 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.

7) CONSENT AGENDA*

**Consent Agenda – All matters listed under Item 7, 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) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Resolution Regarding Maintenance of Harbor Navigational Lights (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Authorize the City's participation as a sponsor and partner coordinator for the annual Senior Citizen's Health Fair and authorize the use of the Ocean Springs Civic Center on Wednesday, May 15th (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) Authorize payment of two (2) warrant requests for expenses associated with the State of the City Address (Exhibit 7-c)

City Clerk:

- d) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting March 19, 2013 (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary upon the Minutes (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Authorize removal of Michael Landry, IT Administrator, from probationary status and placement on full-time status, effective April 3, 2013 (Exhibit 7-g)

Police Dept.:

- h) Approve Special Event Permit for 5K Run benefit for Courtney Hubbard and Melissa Lee on Friday, May 17, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. sponsored by Medi Weight Loss Clinic (Exhibit 7-h)
- i) Approve Special Event Permit for 5K Run and Children's 1 Mile Run as a fundraiser on Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. sponsored by Krewe of Bonne Vivantes (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Approve Special Event Permits for Walk on OS Bridge/Beach to benefit Courtney Hubbard on Friday, April 19, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. sponsored by Stephanie A. Fallo, "Caring for Courtney" and 5K Running Race for new business grand opening on Saturday, April 13, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., sponsored by Tri Hard Sports (Exhibit 7-j)
- k) Approve Special Event Permit for 5K Run/Walk as a fundraiser for the Ocean Springs High School Competition Cheerleaders on Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. sponsored by the OSHS Cheer Booster (Exhibit 7-k)

- l) Approve Special Event Permit for May Fest 2013 5K Run & Kick-Off Concert on Friday, May 10, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (streets to remain closed until 12:00 midnight to dismantle stage) and May Fest 2013 Music and Arts Festival on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. sponsored by Arturo Barajas, Owner of Mosaic Tapas Corp., pending all City requirements are met (Exhibit 7-l)
- m) Authorize resignation of Will Collier, Correction Officer, Patrolman, effective April 8, 2013, and begin the process to fill the vacancy (Exhibit 7-m)
- n) Authorize of employment of Victoria Delancey, Part-time Court Cashier, \$10.00 hourly, effective April 8, 2013, six-month probationary period and pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 7-n)
- o) Authorize the City Attorney to draft an Ordinance to make the west side of Bellande a “No Parking” zone from Government Street to Bowen Avenue effective immediately for Public Safety purposes (Exhibit 7-o)
- p) Authorize to apply for funds from the Office of Highway Safety for DUI Enforcement and sign all appropriate documentation to accept and implement this program and adopt and execute the attached Resolution to satisfy the grant requirements (Exhibit 7-p)

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- q) Authorize the Mayor to execute Supplement Agreement #3 with Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC/Front Beach Sidewalk Project – MDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE) with no cost change in order to finalize reimbursement, contingent upon MDOT concurrence and approval (Exhibit 7-q)

Building Department:

- r) Accept Tree Committee Report dated March 22, 2013 (Exhibit 7-r)
- s) Accept Tree Committee Report dated March 28, 2013 (Exhibit 7-s)
- t) Accept Code Enforcement Report (Exhibit 7-t)
- u) Accept Permit Report (Exhibit 7-u)

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

- v) Approve Minutes: Peer Review Committee March 25, 2013 (Exhibit 7-v)

8) DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

Information Item:

- a) Update on proposed hotel site on Government Street

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Human Resources/Risk:

City Engineer:

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- b) Authorize to begin the process to advertise for an additional member of the Historic Preservation Commission to be in full compliance with the Mississippi Department Archives & History (Exhibit 8-b)

Parks & Leisure Services:

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9) ALDERMEN'S FORUM

10) EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS until 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2013