

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 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 December 3, 2013. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Dalgo and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Alderman Denyer was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sy Easterling of Bancorp South, the City's health insurance broker, explained to the Board that Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be increasing their premiums in the amount of \$47,000.00 beginning January 1, 2014 due to the Affordable Health Care Act. It was further explained the City will be absorbing the cost difference not the employees (Exhibit 4-a).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda with exception of items (e) and (h) which were pulled by Alderman Cox.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to move item (6-k) to Department Reports – Community Development and Planning for discussion.

Alderman Cox pulled item (6-e) for clarification of the budget modifications. The City Clerk explained any budget modifications over 10% of the original adopted budget must be published in our newspaper of record. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to approve Report of FY12-13 Budget Modifications of 10% or greater and publish in the newspaper (Exhibit 6-e).

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to Gulf Regional Planning Commission Requesting additional funds to address the MDOT-recommended crosswalk lighted system south of Broome's but before Tara Lane and Beverly.

Public Works:

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Corey Martin, effective December 11, 2013 (Exhibit 7-b).

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Impey reminded everyone to come to the Christmas Tree Lighting at Marshall Park on Thursday, December 5th.

Alderman Cox asked the Building Official for a status report on the window repair at the Senior Citizens Center. The Building Official stated he is researching a funding source and also authorization from the Department of Archives and History. Alderman Cox also asked about the windows at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center. The windows need to be scraped and painted. The city is waiting on word concerning the heritage grant from MDAH.

The Mayor stated there will a one (1) day seminar at the University of Southern Mississippi on December 11th for elected officials on community and economic development. If anyone is interested in attending, please advise Anne or Kay.

The Mayor announced the Open House at the Charnley-Norwood House on Sunday, December 8th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Alderman McDonnell brought to the attention of the Board a letter he received from Mr. Roland Barnett concerning a sewer issue at his house at 513 Magnolia Avenue. He stated he has spoken to the Public Works Director and he agreed to look into this issue. Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to spread the letter and invoice from Roland Barnett on the minutes. Alderman McDonnell also asked Alderman Cox and the Public Works Director to meet on Friday to resolve this matter.

Alderman McDonnell announced over 100 citizens from the City have come together as an organization to collect 100 bicycles to be donated to kids of Ocean Springs. He encouraged everyone to attend this event to be held at Kwitsky's on Wednesday, December 4th from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Cash Alley between Desoto to Government Street.

Alderman Gill asked to have two (2) water oaks and a live oak removed from the drainage ditch on the corner of Knottingham and Wellington in Fort Bayou Estates. The Building Official stated the Tree Committee approved the recommendation to remove the live oak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody 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 a motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to land acquisition, purchase of lease of property in Ward 2; current litigation in Chancery Court and personnel in all departments.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on December 17, 2013.

Meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2014 Increase – Mr. Sy Easterling (Exhibit 4-a)

5. 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.

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 appointment of Gary Bachman to the Tree Committee, term expiring June 30, 2018 (Exhibit 6-a)

City Clerk:

- b) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting November 19, 2013 (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 6-c)
- d) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Report of FY12-13 Budget Modifications of 10% or greater and publish in the newspaper (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Ratify per diem and hotel expenses in the amount of \$177.00 for Michael Britt and \$177.00 for Tinna Kaelbl to pick up prisoner (Exhibit 6-f)

Police Dept.:

- g) Authorize Special Event Permit for the 100 Bike Giveaway for Ocean Springs Kids Christmas on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. with requirements to close Cash Alley from Government Street to Desoto with barricades from Public Works (Exhibit 6-g)
- h) Accept resignation of Patrolman Torrey Hargrow, effective December 6, 2013, and authorize to begin the process to fill the vacant position in patrol (Exhibit 6-h)

Fire Dept.:

- i) Authorize removal of Firefighter Ryan Knobf from probationary status and placement on full time status, effective December 5, 2013 (Exhibit 6-i)

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- j) Accept resignation of Civil Service Assistant Vonda Davis, effective December 20, 2013, and authorize to begin the process to fill the position, 10 hours per week (no more than 40 hours monthly to be flexed to accommodate testing and meetings) \$10.00 hourly with no benefits (Exhibit 6-j)

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- k) Authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #2 – All South Engineers, LLC – for Preliminary Services Related to the Government Street Improvements Project, MDOT STP funded, and amend the budget to transfer the funds reflected from the sidewalk line in Public Works budget to the grant project budget line, Peer Review Committee concurs (Exhibit 6-k)

Building Department:

- l) Accept Tree Committee Report (Exhibit 6-l)
- m) Accept Building Department Report (Exhibit 6-m)

Parks & Leisure Services:

- n) Authorize removal of James Hanner, III from probationary status and placement on full time status, effective December 5, 2013 (Exhibit 6-n)
- o) Approve Facility Use Agreement for the Ocean Springs Lacrosse Association to utilize Gay Lemon Football Field to conduct practices Monday through Friday beginning January 6, 2014 through May, 2014 (Exhibit 6-o)

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police Dept.:

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk Manager:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- a) Amended Central Business District (CBD) Boundaries for Ordinance 2012-11 (Exhibit 7-a)

Building Department:

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8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on December 17, 2013