

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2014

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 2, 2014. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer and Impey were present. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson and City Attorney John Edwards. Alderman Dalgo was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to amend the agenda to add two (2) items MDOT Highway 90 project and Psycamore payment under Old Business and add the Addendum to the agenda.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring December 2, 2014 as **Lady Greyhounds Cross Country Day** in the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 3-a).

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that item (4-a) discussion on Bay Village Land Conveyance will be tabled until the next meeting to gather more information.

The Mayor stated she spoke with the MDOT officials and they reported they are still in the early stages of a conceptual design for the Highway 90 improvements project. She conveyed all of the information, suggestions and concerns collected from the Board of Aldermen to Kelly Castleberry with MDOT and the design team. She said she asked the design team to speak at the next board meeting which they have agreed to do but also stated they would have more information in January, 2015. Alderman Gill stated it was his understanding that MDOT has a preliminary design plan. He also asked to have public meetings to allow the business owners along Highway 90 to give their input on the widening project.

The Mayor reported the first payment to Psycamore has been paid and the City will be meeting with their Financial Consultant to research options for financing the remainder of the payment due within six (6) weeks. Alderman Gill asked that the Finance Committee discuss the funding of the final payment to Psycamore.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to allow the Finance Committee to meet concerning the funding of the final payment for the Psycamore settlement and make a recommendation to the Board after meeting with the City's Financial Consultant on December 11th at 10:30 a.m.

The Mayor announced she, along with Alderman Cox and Alderman Cody, members of the Economic Development Council, Mickey Williams, Joey Conwill and Kay Shafer had a very productive meeting with the representatives of the OS Chamber of Commerce. They discussed marketing for restaurant and lounges as well as retail businesses. The Chamber presented a survey done last year by Mississippi Power Company in which 25 restaurants and lounges were interviewed along with a number of retail businesses.

Ms. Kay Shafer, 2508 Ridgewood Road, thanked Alderman Cox and Alderman Cody for attending the Chamber meeting. She felt it was very productive and there was a great spirit of cooperation and coordination amongst everyone. She said there are still some compliance issues and problems from the past to work through and looks forward to working with everyone in the future. She would also like everyone to meet with the owners of the Eat Y'all campaign (Exhibit 5-a).

The Planning/Grant Administrator stated an international organization called The Compassionate Friends (TCF) is asking the Board to consider allowing them to create a memorial park at the Ocean Springs Civic Center. The Compassionate Friends organization supports families experiencing the loss of a child. Ms. Ann Schuck explained The Compassionate Friends is a bereavement organization that is available to families that have lost a child. There are more than 650 chapters in the United States and the MS Chapter was established in 1972. They desire to partner with the City to use this space to create a small memorial park for their cause. It was also stated that the memorial would be built and maintained at no cost to the City.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to support the cause and work with the City Attorney to craft an agreement for the Board's consideration to address, use, responsibility, insurance and related issues and also work with the Building Department for the construction of the wall and the Risk Manager for insurance purposes (Exhibit 5-b).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda and Addendum.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Community Development & Planning:

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Impey to adopt **Amended Ordinance No. 2014-10 AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO 5-1963 TO RECONSTITUTE THE COMPOSITION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEVEN (7) MEMBERS AND DEFINE A QUORUM** (Exhibit 8-a).

The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Gill	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman McDonnell	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Cody	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Denyer	<u>Voting Aye</u>
Alderman Dalgo	<u>Absent</u>
Alderman Impey	<u>Voting Aye</u>

ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman McDonnell presented a petition signed by residents living on McNamee Avenue and the surrounding area to request speed bumps on this road for the protection of the children, pets and loved ones. He stated it is a very narrow road and causes a safety issue. He said Public Works has the speed bumps and can install them.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to authorize Public Works to install calming devices on McNamee Street at locations identified with Public Works.

Alderman McDonnell expressed concern about the number of vehicles parking on Ocean Avenue at First Presbyterian Church during church service hours which creates a tremendous problem for emergency vehicles, fire trucks and police cars. He suggested clearing the right of way on the property from Fort Maurepas Park that abuts Ocean Avenue to make this area diagonal parking. Mr. Bill Gryder stated the church is willing to look into participating with the City on the cost to accomplish this project. Alderman McDonnell also stated he has spoken to Supervisor Ross and the county has tentatively agreed to provide manpower and equipment.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to authorize Public Works and City Engineer to provide a tentative sketch of the parking area and a cost estimate for limestone; determine the number of parking

spaces; meet with representatives from First Presbyterian Church and make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting.

Alderman Impey reminded everyone about the Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Marshall Park; December 13th Boat Parade at 6:00 p.m.

He also recognized the passing of Mr. Walter Ryan, voice of the Ocean Springs Greyhounds for many years. He will be missed by many.

Alderman Cox asked for an update on the request for a 3-way stop sign on Brumbaugh. The Planning/Grants Administrator will request a traffic count from Gulf Regional Planning Commission.

He asked the Building Official and the Assistant Public Works Director to get a work crew together to work on the windows at the Mary C. on Monday, December 8th.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to reject the current quotes for the Senior Citizen Center window repair and advertise for Request for Proposals.

The Mayor stated the bid opening for the Harbor Road Improvement Project will be December 22nd. She said the landscaper is putting the finishing touches on the Harbor Green. The Grants/Planning Administrator mentioned temporary bollards and rope will be added to protect the hydroseed while work is being done on Harbor Road. Alderman Denyer reported he met with Mr. Jamie Miller with DMR to discuss some of the concerns with the funding from DMR and the leases. He is looking forward to hearing back from Mr. Miller.

The Mayor stated that by awarding the bid JET Construction for the Government Street Improvements Project, construction can begin upon receipt of the concurrence letter from MDOT in 30-45 days.

Alderman Cody asked to meet with Public Works about patching some roads in the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, 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 a motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Denyer and unanimously carried to remain in executive

session to discuss personnel in the Court Department, Parks Department and Building Department.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on December 16, 2014.

Meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

Date

Date

AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PROCLAMATION

- a) Lady Greyhounds Cross Country Day (Exhibit 3-a)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion on Bay Village Proposed Land Conveyance – Thrash Development (Exhibit 4-a)

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion on appeal to Board of Aldermen to allot \$2,900.00 to Economic Development Council for evaluation – Ms. Kay Shafer (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) Discussion requesting coordination with The Compassionate Friends, Gulf Coast Chapter for Creation of a Memorial at Ocean Springs Civic Center (Exhibit 5-b)

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:

City Clerk:

- a) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting November 18, 2014 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting November 20, 2014 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c) **Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 7-c) **Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Docket of Claims will be sent out Monday, December 1).
- d) Accept Action Report (Exhibit 7-d)
- e) Authorize Run/Walk Permit Application for a Fun Run/Walk sponsored by USM Gulf Coast Research Lab (3rd Annual Jim Frank's Merry Fishman Run Run) to benefit dyslexia and American Fisheries Society on Saturday, December 13th from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; no cost incurred by the City (Exhibit 7-e)
- f) Approve Special Event Permit Application for the Ocean Springs Elks Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, January 31st, parade begins at 1:00 p.m. using the pre-approved parade route; all costs will be absorbed by the City (Exhibit 7-f)
- g) Approve Special Event Permit Application for the Krewe Unique Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, January 31st, parade begins immediately after the OS Elks parade using the pre-approved parade route; all costs will be absorbed by the City (Exhibit 7-g)

Police Dept.:

- h) Authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to secure our acceptance into the state-wide electronic citation system; the City will incur cost to purchase the equipment listed in the MOU but no cost will be incurred for the software program (Exhibit 7-h)

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk Management:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- i) Authorize to ratify request to advertise for the Harbor Road Improvement Project funding with Tidelands funds as approved from DMR (Exhibit 7-i)
- j) Authorize to award bid to JET Construction in the total amount of \$1,024,120.72 for the Government Street Improvement Project pending MDOT concurrence in accordance with the MDOT Project Development Manual, MDOT/STP funded (Exhibit 7-j)

Building Department:

- k) Approve demolition permit for structure located at 8812 Old CCC Camp Road (Exhibit 7-k)

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

Police Dept.:

Fire Dept.:

Human Resources/Risk Manager:

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

- a) Adopt an Amendment to Ordinance No. 5-1963 to Reconstitute the Composition of the Planning Commission to Seven (7) Members and Define a Quorum (Exhibit 8-a)

Building Department:

Parks & Leisure Services:

City Attorney:

Facilities:

Peer Review Committee:

H.R. Committee:

Finance Committee:

9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

- a) Discussion on speed calming device for McNamee – Alderman McDonnell
- b) Discussion on Ocean Avenue right of way parking – Alderman McDonnell

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on December 16, 2014

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
RECESS MEETING
December 2 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Police Dept:

- a) Accept resignation of patrol officer Nancy Bucklar, effective Nov. 27, 2014 and begin the process to fill the vacancy (Exhibit A-1a)

Parks and Leisure:

- b) Accept resignation of Athletic Coordinator Teddy Ray, effective Dec. 1, 2014 and authorize to resume interviewing candidates from the existing eligibility list. (Exhibit A -1b)