

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 02, 2020

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at the Civic Center in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on June 2, 2020. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Authement, Bellman, Cox, Papania, Blackman and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Nicole Sullivan, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Parks & Recreation Director Geri Straight, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Meggan Brown.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Dr. Mike Barnett gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt an Order authorizing City Clerk to file and hold for public viewing and inspection the foregoing form of the Ordinance Granting a Non-Exclusive Electric Franchise to Mississippi Power Company, its Successors and Assigns, in the Municipality of Ocean Springs, Mississippi for a period of not less than two weeks from and after June 2, 2020 (Exhibit 3-a).

The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Bellman	Aye
Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution appointing MS Municipal League 2020 Voting Delegates for the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 4-a).

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to appoint the Mayor as the voting delegate and Alderman Cox as first alternative for the MS Municipal League 2020 voting delegates for the City of Ocean Springs.

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to hold the August Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 due to an election being held on Tuesday in City buildings (Exhibit 4-b).

Motion was made by Alderman Bellman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution to donate use of the Ryan Youth Center to the Blossman YMCA in order to bring into favorable notice the opportunities, possibilities and resources of the City (Exhibit 4-c).

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to adopt the proposed Water & Sewer Adjustment Policy (Exhibit 4-d).

Alderman Blackman said he would provide a Mayor Pro-tempore resignation letter at the next meeting, June 16th to resign on Jun 30th (Exhibit 4-e).

The Mayor requested questions be presented for the Parks & Recreation Director position interviews and will schedule phone or internet interviews for next Wednesday, June 10th at 5:30 with the top candidates (Item 4-f).

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to allow classes and programs to resume in City buildings (Item 4-g).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Adopt Resolution extending Proclamation of local emergency regarding the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak (Exhibit 5-a)
- b) 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 5-b)
- c) Ratify check to MS State Dept. of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for counselor fingerprint card (Exhibit 5-c)
- d) Adopt Resolution to donate vehicle to OS Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development in Ocean Springs (Exhibit 5-d)
- e) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting April 20, 2020 (Exhibit 5-e)
- f) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting April 21, 2020 (Exhibit 5-f)
- g) Authorize Human Resources Action Items (Exhibit 5-g):

- a) Authorize employment of Patrick 'Pete' Brown, Part-Time Dispatcher, \$13.00 hourly rate, effective on or about June 3, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- b) Accept termination of Probationary Firefighter #2358, effective May 22, 2020; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- c) Authorize employment of Tyriq Beasley, Parks Maintenance Worker (Building), Grade 3, Step 1, \$12.00 hourly rate, effective June 3, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- h) Authorization to transfer ownership of Parcel # 61469016.000; Hanshaw Road; Stillwater Bluff Subdivision (Exhibit 5-h)
- i) Authorization to execute MOU and advertise MDOT TIP - Federal STP; South Ocean Springs Road/Steelman Lane Study – STP-0357-00(019)/LPA 108445-711000 (Exhibit 5-i)
- j) Authorize to execute MOU and advertise MDOT TIP – Federal STP; Downtown OS Traffic/Travel/Parking Study – STP-0357-00(020)/LPA 107446-711-000 (Exhibit 5-j)
- k) Accept Code Enforcement report through May 28, 2020 (Exhibit 5-k)
- l) Approve Tree Protection Department recommendations – Tree Applications through May 26, 2020 (Exhibit 5-l)
- m) Approve and Authorize to Execute the Lease of Building Space Agreement with JCCAC/Head Start to utilize the N. E. Taconi Building for twelve (12) months commencing on July 1, 2020 for a total cost of \$32,200.08; made in equal monthly payments of \$2,683.34 beginning July 1, 2020 (Exhibit 5-m)
- n) Approve and Authorize to Execute the Lease of Building Space Agreement with the Mississippi Gulf Coast YMCA to utilize the N. E. Taconi Building for twelve (12) months commencing on July 1, 2020 for a total cost of \$25,200.00; made in equal monthly payments of \$2,100.00 beginning July 1, 2020 (Exhibit 5-n)

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to hire Summer Devrow, Beautification Laborer, \$12.00 hourly rate, effective on June 3, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the Spring Arts Festival on August 1st and 2nd.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 6-a).

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 6-b).

The City Clerk presented the Board with a tentative schedule for the FY20-21 budget meetings.

Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to advertise for a full time Code Enforcement Officer.

Police Department:

Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to approve the Routine Maintenance Service Plan Agreement with TEMCO of Gulf Coast, Inc. (Exhibit 6-d).

Human Resources:

Motion was made by Alderman Bellman, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to adopt the proposed amended Donated Leave Policy (Exhibit 6-e).

Building:

Motion was made by Alderman Bellman, seconded by Alderman Blackman and unanimously carried to approve the appeal and allow removal of a Magnolia tree at 604 Clark Court (Exhibit 6-f).

Parks & Recreation:

The Parks & Recreation Director said that Head Start would like to install a playground at Taconi, on the side by the basketball court. She said the City Engineer would need to address drainage and other logistic issues. Alderman Blackman said that there are also legal issues to be reviewed to accept a donation of playground equipment. Motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to approve Head Start utilizing space outside of the Taconi building for a playground contingent on legal review by the City Attorney to accept equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Lewis said there are approximately 20 lights out on the Ocean Springs side of the Hwy. 90 Bridge. He also advised the grass at edge of sidewalk on Government Street at Spanish Cove Subdivision needs to be cut. He said the Board needs to rethink the donated leave policy passed tonight. He said golf carts are still going around town without the occupants wearing seatbelts. Alderman Blackman responded that Public Works will be handling the grass issue in the next few days and the Police Department has been writing more tickets recently for no seat belts in golf carts. Mr. Lewis ended saying the country is in turmoil and we need to come together, get past ignorance, and pray for our country.

Robert McDonald, Juke Joint, 1911 Government Street, said the Governors Executive Order that states bars and restaurants still need to close at 10:00 p.m. per the Governors Executive Order effective June 1, 2020 which is a hardship. He stated that casinos and other

businesses are allowed to be open 24 hours a day and it is causing Ocean Springs businesses to lose revenue.

Sherrie Aiken, Kahunas, said they are also losing revenue because most of their business is at night.

ALDERMAN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement asked about the July fireworks show. The Parks & Recreation Director said the show is on track and there will be music on stage at Fort Maurepas.

Alderman Authement said he and Alderman Papania discussed the parking situation on East Beach towards Weeks Bayou and he will get with Public Works to put out no parking signs beyond this point. He asked the Planning & Grants Administrator to find out who owns the land to the east of the bridge for possible diagonal parking. He also said there is a dead tree in Marshall Park and requested the assistance of the Building Official to determine what needs to be done. Motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to give up to \$300 to HOSA, a 501c3, to improve landscaping at Marshall Park from Ward 2 funds.

Alderman Bellman said Lighthouse Academy needs to use a room at Taconi Gym to test kindergarten children beginning June 9th on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. The Parks & Recreation Director said she would check the summer camp schedule because they are not allowed by the state to mix different organizations of children. The City Attorney added that use of the room would require another donation from the City. Alderman Bellman requested consideration of reducing the speed limits across the City by 5 mph which can be discussed further at a later date. The Mayor said that he would set up meetings with the Police Chief and Planning & Grants Administrator to determine the logistics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on June 16, 2020.

Meeting ended at 7:38 p.m.

Patty Maston 7-7-2020 Shea Blair 7/8/2020
City Clerk Date Mayor Date

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
JUNE 2, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting Held at

Ocean Springs Civic Center – 3730 Bienville Blvd.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OLD BUSINESS

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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Appoint and Adopt a Resolution appointing MS Municipal League 2020 Voting Delegates for the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Discussion of moving the Regular Meeting in August to Wednesday, August 5, 2020 due to City buildings being used for election Tuesday (Exhibit 4-b)
- c) Discussion of the YMCA using the Ryan Youth Center for their summer program (Exhibit 4-c)
- d) Discussion of proposed Water & Sewer Adjustment Policy (Exhibit 4-d)
- e) Discussion of Mayor Pro-tempore resigning June 30, 2020 (Exhibit 4-e)
- f) Discussion of formation of Committee to review applications for the Parks & Recreation Director Position
- g) Discussion of allowing classes and programs to resume in City buildings

5. CONSENT AGENDA * *All matters listed under 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) Adopt Resolution extending Proclamation of local emergency regarding the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak (Exhibit 5-a)

City Clerk:

- b) 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 5-b)
- c) Ratify check to MS State Dept. of Health in the amount of \$50.00 for counselor fingerprint card (Exhibit 5-c)

- d) Adopt Resolution to donate vehicle to OS Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development in Ocean Springs (Exhibit 5-d)

- e) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting May 13, 2020 (Exhibit 5-e)

- f) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting May 19, 2020 (Exhibit 5-f)

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- g) Authorize Human Resources Action Items (Exhibit 5-g):

- a) Authorize employment of Patrick 'Pete' Brown, Part-Time Dispatcher, \$13.00 hourly rate, effective on or about June 3, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

- b) Accept termination of Probationary Firefighter #2358. effective May 22, 2020; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

- c) Authorize employment of Tyriq Beasley, Parks Maintenance Worker (Building), Grade 3, Step 1, \$12.00 hourly rate, effective June 3, 2020, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

Community Development & Planning:

- h) Authorization to transfer ownership of Parcel # 61469016.000; Hanshaw Road; Stillwater Bluff Subdivision (Exhibit 5-h)

Grants Administration:

- i) Authorization to execute MOU and advertise MDOT TIP - Federal STP; South Ocean Springs Road/Steelman Lane Study – STP-0357-00(019)/LPA 108445-711000 (Exhibit 5-i)

- j) Authorize to execute MOU and advertise MDOT TIP – Federal STP; Downtown OS Traffic/Travel/Parking Study – STP-0357-00(020)/LPA 107446-711-000 (Exhibit 5-j)

Building Department:

- k) Accept Code Enforcement report through May 28, 2020 (Exhibit 5-k)

- l) Approve Tree Protection Department recommendations – Tree Applications through May 26, 2020 (Exhibit 5-l)

Parks & Recreation:

- m) Approve and Authorize to Execute the Lease of Building Space Agreement with JCCAC/Head Start to utilize the N. E. Taconi Building for twelve (12) months commencing on July 1, 2020 for a total cost of \$32,200.08; made in equal monthly payments of \$2,683.34 beginning July 1, 2020 (Exhibit 5-m)

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6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor:

City Clerk:

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 6-a)

- b) Accept Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit 6-b)

- c) Discussion of Budget Calendar FY 20-21 (Exhibit 6-c)

Police Department:

- d) Routine Maintenance Service Plan Agreement with TEMCO of Gulf Coast, Inc. (Exhibit 6-d)

Fire Department:

Human Resources/Risk:

- e) Discuss changes Donated Leave Policy (Exhibit 6-e)

City Engineer:

Public Works:

Community Development & Planning:

Building Department:

- f) Appeal – Harold Allen 604 Clark Ct – Magnolia tree removal (Exhibit 6-f)

Parks & Recreation:

- g) Discussion of Head Start utilizing space outside of Taconi for a the installation of playground equipment (Exhibit 6-g)

City Attorney:

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** ** Please identify yourself before speaking. *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.*

8. ALDERMEN'S FORUM

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Mayor's Office Personnel

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020