

## **REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2022**

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 January 4, 2022. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Alderman Burgess joined the meeting by teleconference according to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code. Let the minutes reflect that there is a speaker in the meeting room that all those present can hear Alderman Burgess. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Mark Dunston, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

Dr. Mike Barnett from First Baptist Church gave the invocation and Alderman Authement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Blackman to accept the agenda. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

## **PROCLAMATION**

The Mayor presented a proclamation to retired Police Deputy Chief Derek Hoppner for 27 years of service to the City of Ocean Springs Police Department (Exhibit 3-a).

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Cheryl Parker declaring Cheryl's Steakhouse "The Best Steakhouse in Mississippi" (Exhibit 3-d).

The Mayor recognized employees for their years of service to the City of Ocean Springs (Exhibit 3-c). Employees receiving certificates were Water Field Supervisor Eddie Hibbard and Dispatcher William Savage for 15 years of service, Utility Billing Clerk Rea Bilbo for 10 years of service, Firefighter David Wright, Truck Driver Steven Dossett, and Parks Maintenance Worker Archie Heidelberg for 5 years of service.

## **AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Cox to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-16 "Time and Place of Meetings" of the Code of Ordinance which will allow the rescheduling of regularly scheduled meetings that fall on Fat Tuesday (Exhibit 5-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Nay
Alderman Impey	Aye

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt a Resolution approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of a Negotiable Note principal not to exceed \$2,000,000 – Butler Snow LLP as Note Counsel, Dogan & Wilkinson as City Counsel, and Government Consultants as Financial Advisor (Exhibit 6-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

The City Clerk provided a list of items to be purchased with the loan including roofs, air conditioners, and equipment. She ensured the Board that any changes will be presented to the Board for approval before purchasing. She said it is a 5-year loan with a possible 3.5-year payoff. A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt a Resolution declaring the intention of the City to issue a Negotiable Note Series 2022 not to exceed \$2,000,000 to provide funds for (i) erecting, constructing, repairing, furnishing, and equipping municipal buildings; (ii) constructing, improving or paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways or public parking facilities, and purchasing land therefor; (iii) repairing, improving, and extending sanitary, storm, drainage or sewerage systems; (iv) repairing, improving and extending waterworks and

other public utility plants; (v) purchasing motor vehicles for public safety; and (vi) paying the costs of issuance for the Note and other related purposes within the City (the "Project"), all as authorized by the Act (Exhibit 6-b). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Authement to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Walk/Run Permit application for Frosty Kroc Race; Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; OS Bridge/Front Beach 5 K route to begin and end at the Golden Nugget, no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost (Exhibit 7-a)
- b. Approve to waive the \$300.00 Civic Center rental fee for the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce Main Street Tourism Bureau Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022 (Exhibit 7-b)
- c. Accept Oath of Office of Deputy Court Clerk Archie Wallace (Exhibit 7-c)
- d. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting December 7, 2021 (Exhibit 7-d)
- e. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting December 21, 2021 (Exhibit 7-e)
- f. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-f):
  - a) Authorize employment of Frederick Dunbar, Parks Maintenance Class A Laborer, Step 1, \$14.31 hourly rate; effective January 5, 2022; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
  - b) Accept the resignation of Parks Class A Laborer Jason Calcote, effective January 7, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
  - c) Accept the resignation of Custodian Dolly Hollings, effective December 17, 2021; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
  - d) Authorize removal of Sergeant Paul Regan and Sergeant Gregory McClellon from probationary status to full-time status effective immediately
- g. Accept Code Enforcement Report through December 29, 2021 (Exhibit 7-g)

h. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through December 22, 2021 (Exhibit 7-h)

The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Blackman to approve the docket of claims; the Board finds that all other expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law (Exhibit 8-a). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Cox to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 8-b). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

### Building Department:

The Building Official said the exterior progress has stalled at 522 Jackson Avenue (Exhibit 8-c). He said the homeowner is at the meeting to give an update. The homeowner, Jim Richadone, said he purchased the home in 2020 and has ran into issues that have prolonged the renovations including termites. He said he plans to live in the home now

that he is fully retired the renovations are expected to be complete by Thanksgiving 2022. Alderman Authement requested the front of the property be completed first to conform to the Historic District aesthetics and the permit be extended since it has expired. Mr. Richadone agreed to begin working on the front of the property and will address any complaints brought to his attention. Alderman Authement and the Mayor said they were grateful the home is being renovated rather than torn down.

#### Grants Administration:

The Planning & Grants Administrator said the project area of the Ocean Springs Road Phase I has been extended and the cost has increased. Funds to increase the award have been approved and Jackson County has committed to cover the increase on the match and remaining Preliminary Engineering costs. A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt a Resolution to request an increased pledge for matching funds from Jackson County for Ocean Springs Road Phase I (Exhibit 8-d). The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

#### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Moore requested the Mayor and Aldermen reach out to State Officials to request the use Covid Relief Funds allocated to the state to assist in the nursing shortage crisis happening all over the state. He said Singing River Hospitals, Memorial Hospital, and Forest General Hospital are experiencing the nursing shortage crisis.

#### **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

The Aldermen wished all a Happy New Year.

The Mayor said he would be traveling to Jackson to start some lobbying efforts.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Wade to go into closed session to determine the necessity of going into executive session. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced that a motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Impey to remain in executive session to discuss litigation with The Sands. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Cox	Aye
Alderman Burgess	Aye
Alderman Authement	Aye
Alderman Wade	Aye
Alderman Papania	Aye
Alderman Blackman	Aye
Alderman Impey	Aye

Alderman Burgess disconnected from the meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to come out of executive session where no motions were taken.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022.

Meeting ended at 6:53 p.m.

Betty Maiston 01/18/2022  
City Clerk Date

  
1/18/22  
Mayor Date



**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PROCLAMATIONS**

- a. Deputy Police Chief Derek Hoppner ~ 27 years of service and retirement from the Ocean Springs Police Department (Exhibit 3-a)
- b. Officer Len Nobles ~ 23 years of service and retirement from the Ocean Springs Police Department (Exhibit 3-b)
- c. Recognition of employment years of service: 15 Years ~ Water Field Technician Eddie Hibbard and Dispatcher William Savage; 10 Years ~ Utility Billing Clerk Rea Bilbo; 5 Years ~ Firefighter David Wright, Truck Driver Steven Dossett, and Parks Maintenance Worker Archie Heidelberg (Exhibit 3-c)
- d. Declare Cheryl's Steakhouse "The Best Steakhouse in Mississippi" (Exhibit 3-d)

**4. AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT** *\*\* The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes, ONLY regarding issues listed on this agenda. The Board will take all comments under advisement for potential action if warranted. Please identify yourself and the agenda item, if no agenda item is stated you will be asked to hold your comment until General Public Comment at the end of the meeting.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss adopting an Ordinance to move regularly scheduled Board meeting falling on Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday (Exhibit 5-a)

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Adopt Resolution approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of a Negotiable Note principal not to exceed \$2,000,000 – Butler Snow LLP as Note Counsel, Dogan & Wilkinson as City Counsel, and Government Consultants as Financial Advisor (Exhibit 6-a) ~ *City Clerk*
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purchasing motor vehicles for public safety; and (vi) paying the costs of issuance for the Note and other related purposes within the City (the “Project”), all as authorized by the Act (Exhibit 6-b)

**7. 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 a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

**Mayor:**

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**City Clerk:**

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**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- f. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-f):
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**Building Department:**

- g. Accept Code Enforcement Report through December 29, 2021 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through December 22, 2021 (Exhibit 7-h)

**8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**City Clerk:**

- a. Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 8-a)
- b. Accept Monthly Budget Report (Exhibit 8-b)

**Building Department:**

- c. Discuss progress at 522 Jackson Avenue (Exhibit 8-c)

**Planning & Grants:**

- d. Discuss Resolution to request increased pledge for matching funds from Jackson County – Ocean Springs Road Phase I (Exhibit 8-d)

**9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes. Only two speakers will be allowed per side of each issue. 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.

**10. MAYOR & ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022**