

REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 1, 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 March 1, 2022. Mayor Pro-tempore Impey presiding, Aldermen Burgess, Wade, Papania, and Blackman were present. Mayor Holloway and Aldermen Authement and Cox were absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Captain Shane Tiner, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Assistant Director Candice Hooks, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor Pro-tempore called the meeting to order.

Alderman Papania gave the invocation and Alderman Blackman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor Pro-tempore recognized the week of March 6 – 12, 2022 as Girl Scout Week (Exhibit 3-a). Junior Girl Scout Troop 3581 members and Troop Leader Jenny Carroll were present to accept the Proclamation.

Jackson County Supervisor for District 2, Ennit Morris, rescheduled his introduction until the next meeting.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The Deputy City Clerk said the Grounds Maintenance Contract bid tabulations and other information has been provided to the Board prior to the meeting (Exhibit 5-a). Alderman Blackman asked the City Attorney if the number of employees is a valid reason for not awarding to the lowest bid. The City Attorney confirmed it was, especially given that inadequate manpower was an issue with the previous service provider. The lowest bidder was B.I.G. Yardwork with 4 full-time employees bidding \$500.69 per mowing for the Safety Complex, Dog Park, and Civic Center and \$1,246.15 per mowing for the Highway 90 median. The next lowest bid was from Arrow Greenscape with 12 full-time employees

bidding \$618.46 per mowing of the Safety Complex, Dog Park, and Civic Center and \$1,292.31 per mowing for the Highway 90 median. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to award both options of the Ground Maintenance Contract to Arrow Greenscape finding they have a sufficient number of employees to perform the work adequately, whereas the lowest bidder did not.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Clerk said Nick Clark Auctions came to the City to review some of the items the City would like to auction off. He suggested having the auction on April 9th at the Public Works Complex. He also suggested charging a \$10.00 entry fee like other municipalities have started doing. The City Clerk said departments should have their auction items list to the Board by the next meeting for approval. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to authorize Nick Clark Auctions to hold a City Liquidation Auction on April 9, 2022, at Public Works, 712 Pine Drive beginning at 9:00 a.m. and to approve a \$10.00 entry fee for adults over 18 years of age (Exhibit 6-a).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

- a. Authorize the Mayor to negotiate contracts to purchase parcels - # 61335034.000, #61335031.000, # 60128142.000, and # 60128140.065 (Exhibit 7-a)
- b. Approve Run/Walk permit application for Coast Young Professionals 15th Annual Walking on Water Run on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to noon; start and end at Biloxi Point Cadet using Front Beach Pathway; no cost to the City (Exhibit 7-b)
- c. Authorize Lease of Taconi Building rooms 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28 downstairs, 28 upstairs, 29 upstairs which are 6,662 square feet plus the use of the gym not included in calculations for \$5.00 per square foot - \$33,312.00 per year (\$2,776.00/month) to Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia beginning July 1, 2022, for 1 year with auto-renewal for 3 additional years (Exhibit 7-c)
- d. Accept the February 2022 Aged Receivable Report for utility billing (Exhibit 7-d)
- e. Ratify Checks: \$12,102.00 to Kings Hardwood Floors for Mary C floor restoration; \$5,250.00 to R&A Construction for 1001 Chaney Street Demolition and lot clean-up (Exhibit 7-e)
- f. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting February 1, 2022 (Exhibit 7-f)
- g. Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting February 7, 2022 (Exhibit 7-g)
- h. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting February 15, 2022 (Exhibit 7-h)
- i. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 7-i):

- a) Accept the resignation of Patrolman Tristen Nicholson, effective February 17, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- b) Accept the resignation of Dispatcher Michael King, effective March 4, 2022; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- j. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 403 Bechtel Blvd. PID #61037023.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-j)
- k. Accept Code Enforcement Report through February 24, 2022 (Exhibit 7-k)
- l. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through February 23, 2022 (Exhibit 7-l)
- m. Approve the Facility Use Agreement with the Coastal Mississippi Homeschool Sports Association for use of the Clay Boyd Big Field between February 1 and April 30, 2022 (Exhibit 7-m)
- n. Approve the 2022 paving list (Exhibit 7-n)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the minutes (Exhibit 8-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 8-b).

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed on Exhibit 8-c except for 1703 Carpenter Court; with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usages were due to unforeseen circumstances (Exhibit 8-c).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Smith said he received a notice from the Planning Commission regarding a proposed 3 lot subdivision on Harbor Road. He requested the Board's assistance to hold a neighborhood meeting, allowed by the UDC, before the Planning Commission public hearing on March 8, 2022. He said he canvased the neighborhood finding 7 out of 8 neighbors oppose the subdivision being built or using the easement as an entrance to the subdivision. He said he will be out of town during the set Planning Commission meeting and requested the application be deferred to slow down the process. Alderman Blackman said it does need public input and encouraged him and neighbors to attend the Planning Commission's scheduled meeting to voice concerns. The Mayor Pro-tempore said he would pass the information to Mayor Holloway and the Planning & Grants Administrator.

Linda Williams thanked the City for the clean-up of the Vietnam Memorial and the added stop sign at Yosemite Drive and Parktown Drive. She said she is a friend of Katie Yow who has lived in Parktown Subdivision for 43 years and spoke on her behalf about the drainage issues on her street. She requested the drainage issues move up to the top of the list of City projects. She also said there is an 18-wheeler fuel tank truck driving and parking on the neighborhood streets and damaging them. She requested the Board review this issue and determine if there is an Ordinance in place addressing the 18-wheeler parking on the residential street.

Katie Yow asked when the Parktown Drainage Project will start. The Mayor Pro-tempore said the Planning & Grants Administrator was not present to answer that question, but she could reach out to her this week.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN'S FORUM

The Mayor Pro-tempore said the first firefighter class of the Ocean Springs Fire Academy graduated Monday, February 28th. He announced Ocean Spring's Fire Rating will decrease from a 5 to a 4, which will help insurance rates in the City. He thanked Public Works for the clean-up after the Mardi Gras Night Parade.

Alderman Burgess said the City needs to purchase more guardrails for use during the parades. She requested this be a future discussion.

Alderman Wade thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works for all the work done to make the parade a success.

Alderman Papania reiterated the great job done by City employees at the parade. He announced the Fire Chief will be at Coffee Fusion at 8:00 am Wednesday for the Frappuccino with Fire event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on March 15, 2022.

Meeting ended at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor



Debra Battip Yoston Clerk

Date

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN – CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. CITY HALL

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. PROCLAMATION**
 - a. March 6 – 12, 2022 Girl Scout Week (Exhibit 3-a)
 - b. Introduction of Jackson County Supervisor District 2, Ennit Morris
- 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. Award Grounds Maintenance Contract (Exhibit 5-a)
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Authorize Nick Clark Auctions to hold a City Liquidation Auction on April 9, 2022, at Public Works beginning at 9:00 a.m. Discuss the auctioneer's recommendation to charge an admission fee like other municipalities (Exhibit 6-a)
- 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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Planning Commission:

- j. Approve the application for Residential Short-term Rental (STR) permit at 403 Bechtel Blvd. PID #61037023.000; Planning Commission recommends approval (Exhibit 7-j)

Building Department:

- k. Accept Code Enforcement Report through February 24, 2022 (Exhibit 7-k)
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Parks & Recreation:

- m. Approve the Facility Use Agreement with the Coastal Mississippi Homeschool Sports Association for use of the Clay Boyd Big Field between February 1 and April 30, 2022 (Exhibit 7-m)

Public Works:

- n. Approve the 2022 paving list (Exhibit 7-n)

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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, March 15, 2022