

## **REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2019**

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 2, 2019. Mayor Dobson presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Authement, Bellman, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Papania led the discussion for the RFQ for professional engineering services (Exhibit 3-a). Alderman Blackman expressed his opinion that the RFQ as is, is incomplete, due to missing evaluation criteria that is required for state or federally funded projects for reimbursement. Alderman Papania stated that he believes that qualifications in relation to receiving/handling funds can be done for each project. The Planning/Grants Administrator explained that the City would not be able to use the same firm for some grant-funded projects if a documented competitive project was not documented. The criteria varies between funding sources. Alderman Impey stated that the engineering firms could not produce a fee schedule before they are awarded the RFQ. Alderman Papania and Alderman Authement stated that the RFQ is just for day to day operations and not for the City projects. Discussion held until later in the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4-a, authorization to hold the Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Recess meeting in the Municipal Court Room was removed by Alderman Blackman to be discussed at a later date due to the current inability to adequately setup the court room for the board meeting.

The Building Official introduced Mr. Damon Torricelli as the City's storm water representative with Neel-Schaffer (Exhibit 4-b).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Impey to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried with Aldermen Gill, Authement, Cox, Papania, Blackman and Impey voting aye and Aldermen Bellman voting nay.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Motion made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to accept the docket of claims (Exhibit 6-a).

Motion made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to accept the monthly budget report (Exhibit 6-b).

Alderman Gill asked the Parks & Recreation Director about a location for residents to play basketball indoors after hours and on weekends at one of the facilities. The Mayor stated he would talk to the Parks & Recreation Director the next day in regards to working on his concern.

There was a return to discussion of Exhibit 3-a, the RFQ for professional engineering services. Alderman Papania stated that item 7, the fee schedule, on the proposed RFQ would be removed and replaced with the Evaluation Criteria from the City of Pascagoula RFQ for professional engineering services (Exhibit 3-b). Motion made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to allow the Mayor to proceed with the revised RFQ for professional engineering services.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Britt Sandblum addressed the board in regard to the concrete ditch under construction on Front Beach. She expressed concerned about the cleanup process and about standing water which may foster mosquitos. Alderman Cox responded that the ditch would not be constructed on the entire length of Front Beach but will end at the triangle at the base of Washington Avenue. Alderman Authement stated that the City would be responsible for keeping the area clean.

## **ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

Alderman Bellman inquired about the garbage RFP that had been issued and the Mayor stated that they have been negotiating with the bidders and will update the Board of Alderman at a later date.

Alderman Papania asked about the work on the dog park and Alderman Cox said that the work has been delayed due to the recent rainy weather.

Alderman Blackman asked for an update on the Government Street sidewalk project and the Planning/Grants Administrator replied that the information has all been submitted and that they are waiting to hear back on it.

Motion made by Blackman, seconded by Impey and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. January 15, 2019.

Meeting ended 6:39 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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**AGENDA**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS**  
**RECESS MEETING**  
**January 15, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) Property cleaning at 1014 Robinson Street – Nora E. Kennedy, Clarence Bolling, Charity Battle (Exhibit 3-a)

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Update on previous property discussions: 418 Martin Avenue and 301 Hunter Road (Exhibit 4-a)
- b) Discussion of Garbage Service Contract
- c) Discussion of MOU with McNeil Rhoads for Water Meter Change Project (Exhibit 4-c)

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion of trash containers at East Beach year round (Alderman Authement)
- b) Discussion of March 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Date due to Mardi Gras Holiday (Exhibit 5-b)
- c) Appoint replacement for the Historic Preservation Commission due to the resignation of Stephanie Lee with one of the current applicants to complete term expiring June 30, 2021

**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) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for YMCA 10K Winter Run scheduled for Saturday January 26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Start and End at the YMCA 10K course; Requires two Police Officers; cost incurred by the City will be Police Department \$200.00 (Exhibit 6-a)
- b) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Warrior Walk by The Cure Starts Now for Brain Cancer Research scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., OS Bridge and Front Beach Pathway; no cost incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-b)
- c) Approve Run/Walk Permit Application for Coast Young Professionals (CYP) Annual Bridge Walk scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., OS Bridge; no cost incurred by the City (Exhibit 6-c)

**City Clerk:**

- d) Approve Minutes: Special Call Meeting November 30, 2018 (Exhibit 6-d)
- e) Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting December 18, 2018 (Exhibit 6-e)
- f) Ratify check to MS State Department in the amount of \$50.00 – fingerprint camp counselor, Mahkayla Young (Exhibit 6-f)
- g) Ratify check to MS State Department in the amount of \$50.00 – fingerprint camp coordinator, Kelsey McGrevey (Exhibit 6-g)

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

- h) Accept Monthly Fire Department Report (Exhibit 6-h)

**Human Resources/Risk Management:**

- i) Accept resignation of Police Patrolman Christian Gage Nelson, effective January 10, 2019; authorize the payout of his accrued personal leave and to begin the process to fill the vacancy (Exhibit 6-i)
- j) Acknowledge Completion of One Year of At-Will Service by Public Works Director John Russell (Exhibit 6-j)
- k) Acknowledge Completion of One Year of At-Will Service by Assistant Public Works Director of Field Operations Allan Ladnier (Exhibit 6-k)
- l) Authorize to hire Meggan Brown, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, effective January 22, 2019; hourly rate of \$17.31; pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements (Exhibit 6-l)

**City Engineer:**

**Public Works:**

- m) Authorize travel for Beautification/Landscaping Department employees, Edward "Mike" Hale and Steven Dossett, to attend the Gulf States Horticultural Expo in Mobile, AL on January 30 – February 1, 2019 (Exhibit 6-m)

**Community Development & Planning:**

Planning Commission:

- n) Authorize to approve Removal of eight (8) Streetlight Fixtures on Bills Avenue – Kelly Lane/Little Bluff, LLC (Exhibit 6-n)

Zoning & Adjustment Board:

- o) Authorize to approve Variance to allow an Existing Accessory Building (Boat Storage Structure) to Encroach into the Side Yard Setback Area at 112 Pecan Park Rd; PID 61380003.000 (Exhibit 6-o)

Historic Preservation Commission:

- p) Authorize to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Demolition of the Existing Shed and Construction of a Storage Building at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 800 Porter Ave./Old Ocean Springs Historic District (Exhibit 6-p)
- q) Authorize to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for installation of a driveway gate at 1117 Iberville Drive/Marble Springs Historic District (Exhibit 6-q)

**Building Department:**

- r) Approve the Tree Protection Committee Meeting minutes from January 8, 2019 (Exhibit 6-r)
- s) Accept Code Enforcement Report through January 11, 2019 (Exhibit 6-s)
- t) Authorize travel for Building Official, Hilliard Fountain, and H.R. Director, Mindy McDowell, to attend the National ADA Symposium to be held in Grapevine, TX on June 16-19, 2019, in accordance with the ADA requirements. (Exhibit 6-t)

**Parks & Recreation:**

- u) Authorize Mayor to execute contract with JLB Contractors, LLC for Freedom Field Improvements in the amount of \$193,545.00 (Exhibit 6-u)

**City Attorney:**

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Mayor:**

**City Clerk:**

- a) Approve payment: Docket of Claims and spread summary on the Minutes (Exhibit 7-a)

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Human Resources/Risk Manager:**

**City Engineer:**  
**Public Works:**  
**Community Development & Planning:**  
**Building Department:**  
**Parks & Recreation:**  
**City Attorney:**

- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *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.*

- Please identify yourself before speaking into the microphone.

**9. ALDERMEN'S FORUM**

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on February 5, 2019**