

The Minutes of the City of Ocean Springs

Mayor & Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Authement, Wade, Cox, Blackman, and Impey were present. Aldermen Burgess and Papania were absent. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles. Police Captain Shane Tiner joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

1. The object of the meeting will be any matters pertaining to:

- a. Authorize employment of Brandon Harty, Patrolman, Step 4, \$19.67 hourly rate; effective on or about June 1, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to authorize the employment of Brandon Harty, Patrolman, Step 4, \$19.67 hourly rate; effective on or about June 1, 2023; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

- b. Presentation of Insurance renewal - Scott Lemon

Scott Lemon from Lemon Mohler Insurance gave a market recap for the renewal of the property, auto, and Park & Recreation services insurance. He said cost-savings measures had to be taken and the Public Works buildings were removed but the contents are still covered. He said by doing that the total insurable value dropped to \$39,028,713. He presented two options. Option one offers a 10% named storm deductible (\$750k minimum deductible), 1% all other wind/hail (\$100k minimum deductible) with a sub-limit of \$10M per occurrence, and the premium would be \$515,240.25. Option two offers the same but with a \$10M loss limit for all perils per occurrence, with a premium of \$500,520.74.

Alderman Blackman asked if the content coverage amounts have been reviewed for a possible reduction of value and if that would change the premium enough to make it worth it. Mr. Lemon said the values have been vetted internally and the most that could be adjusted is 15%. Alderman Cox asked if all the contents could be adjusted by 15% to check if the savings would be significant, over \$10,000 in savings.

Alderman Cox asked if there are any negatives to choosing option two over one. Mr.

Lemon responded that option two would reduce the potential coverage by about \$29M. Alderman Cox said that the City has never had that much in claims.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve insurance proposal option two and authorize the Mayor to lower the contents coverage if the savings are substantial for option two.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize a budget amendment to increase the property and auto insurance budgets by \$123,000 to be paid from Cash Ending Balance.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 5:26 p.m.

Mayor Date

City Clerk Date