

RECESS MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2024 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Recess Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, 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 Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Burgess led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a. Miss Capital City's Teen, Mary Beth Geiser - Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency

Miss Capital City's Teen provided Mississippi statistics and encouraged all to become organ donors.

- b. Glenn Miller - City Hall Print

Artist Glenn Miller explained his artistic process in creating the etching and the print of City Hall. He requested the print to be named the official artistic rendering of Ocean Springs City Hall.

- c. Child Trafficking Prevention Month

The Mayor proclaimed January 2024 Child Trafficking Prevention Month.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Moore, agenda item 3-a, spoke regarding organ donation and reminded all that high blood pressure and diabetes are preventable causes of kidney failure.

Doug Travis, agenda item 6-r, requested that the lot split at 9200 Ocean Springs Road be tabled until questions and concerns are addressed.

Sandy Cox, agenda item 6-r, requested that the lot split at 9200 Ocean Springs Road be approved following the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval.

Rebecca Alston, agenda item 5-a, requested a bullet list of the Urban Renewal Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Adopt Resolution setting a Public Hearing date and location for the Urban Renewal Plan

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to adopt a Resolution setting a Public Hearing on February 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

- b. Award Solid Waste Management Contract and authorize the publication of a cost increase

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to authorize the City Clerk to publish the increase in cost for the City's garbage collection with Waste Pro.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except for 6-r pulled by Alderman Impey.

Mayor:

- a. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; at Little Children's Park
- b. Authorize the installation and addition of a light on an existing pole at 719 Pine Hill Road

- c. Authorize waiving the rental fee of the Ocean Springs Civic Center for the Greater Mississippi Girl Scouts on February 5, 2024, to distribute cookies to the local Girl Scout troops in Ocean Springs; to advertise the resources of the City
- d. Authorize waiving the rental fee of the Ocean Springs Civic Center for the Gulf Coast Kringles Christmas holiday season-ending event on February 17, 2024; to advertise the resources of the City

City Clerk:

- e. Approve Minutes: Special Call December 18, 2023, 11:00 a.m.
- f. Approve Minutes: December 18, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
- g. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting December 19, 2023
- h. Approve Minutes: Special Call December 21, 2023
- i. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting January 2, 2024

Police Department:

- j. Accept OSPD Monthly Report for December 2023 and Annual Report for 2023

Fire Department:

- k. Accept OSFD Monthly Report for December 2023 and Annual Report for 2023

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- l. Authorize removal of Patrolman Ethan Mammoser from probationary status to full-time status effective January 4, 2024
- m. Authorize employment of Gene Gildea, Firefighter I, Step 9, \$17.27 hourly rate; effective February 9, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- n. Accept the resignation of Parks Maintenance Laborer Thaddeus Thomas, effective January 19, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- o. Authorize employment of Jonathan O'Brien, Parks Maintenance Laborer, Step 1, \$13.00 hourly rate; effective January 17, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- p. Authorize removal of Deputy Court Clerk Elizabeth Bradley from probationary status to full-time status effective January 9, 2024

Planning Department:

- q. Approve Use of 2215 Government Street / Luxury Man Suites Development as a Condominium Development – Applicant: John Boothby

Planning Commission:

- r. Approve a Lot Split at 9200 Ocean Springs Rd., PID no. 60123450.000 – Applicant: Sandy Kaye Cox – Planning Commission Recommends Approval

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to table item 6-r for issues to be resolved before approval.

Historic Preservation Commission:

- s. Approve Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for the construction of a Privacy Fence – 502 Martin Avenue, PID#: 60137606.000/ Old Ocean Springs Historic District – Applicant: Sarah Godsey – Owner: John Godsey – Historic Preservation Commission Recommends Approval

Grants Administration:

- t. Authorize Execution of Contract Amendment #1 for Overstreet & Associates, PLLC – ARPA/MCWI Project 455: Downtown Sewer Improvements to Include Required Sub-Grant Agreement Verbiage

Building Department:

- u. Approve the Building Department Permit Report for December 2023
- v. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through January 12, 2024
- w. Accept Code Report through January 11, 2024

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. City Clerk: Approve payment: Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the Minutes

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, 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.

- b. City Clerk: Authorize the adjustment of water/sewer accounts due to a finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and the excess usage was due to unforeseen circumstances

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to adjust the water/sewer accounts listed, with the finding that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility and excess usage was due to unforeseen circumstances.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement requested the Board review the parcels the City owns in Ocean Beach Estates and consider selling the properties.

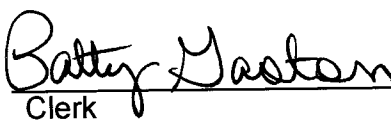
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN UNTIL 6: 00 P.M. on FEBRUARY 6, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on February 6, 2024.

The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

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Mayor	Date	Clerk	Date

