

REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2024 MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Regular Meeting at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on April 2, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Deputy Chief Stephen Dye, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Community Development Director Carter Thompson, 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

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

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

CERTIFICATES

- a. Recognition of employment years of service: 15 years - Deputy Building Official Terry Franklin, 10 years - Head Mechanic Kevin Ewing, 10 years - Fire Marshal Lionel Cothorn, 5 years - Accountant Kelly Riff, 5 years - Detective Raul Nandin

Accountant Kelly Riff and Detective Raul Nandin were present to accept their certificate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Adopt Amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDC) for the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi amending the following sections and chapters: Ch.3-Section 3.6.3.G; Ch.3-Table 3.2B; Ch.4-Table 4.2; Ch.4-Section 4.7.2; Ch.2-Section 22; Ch-5-Section 5.9; and Ch.7 – Planning Commission Recommends Approval

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The City Planner explained there are seven amendments proposed for the UDC that will correct some errors and inconsistencies.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Papania and seconded by Alderman Blackman to adopt Ordinance 2024-02 - an amendment to the Unified Development Code for the City of Ocean Springs amending the following sections and chapters: Ch.3-Section 3.6.3.G; Ch.3-Table 3.2B; Ch.4-Table 4.2; Ch.4-Section 4.7.2; Ch.2-Section 22; Ch-5- Section 5.9; and Ch.7. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Item 7-c) 218 Whitney Oaks Drive side yard setback variance. Applicant Justin Sward requested the variance be approved by the Board. Debra Gilly spoke against the approval of the variance.

OLD BUSINESS

a. 2024 Friday at the Fort Concert Series

Admin & Community Relations Coordinator announced the 2024 Final Friday at the Fort lineup: April 26th - Vibey Dave and the Waves, May 31st - The Network, June 28th - Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers, July 26th - Fever Dream, August 31st - Pocket Chocolate, and September 27th - Saint Social.

b. Appoint one member to the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority effective April 3, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Papania to appoint Kendrick Williams to the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority to fill the vacancy. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Adopt a Resolution declaring the intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (the "city"), to issue a negotiable note, series 2024, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$600,000 to raise money to provide funds for (i) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus; (ii) purchasing machinery and equipment, including fire trucks, which have an expected useful life over 10 years and weighing 12,000 pounds or more; (iii) paying the costs of issuance for the note; and (iv) for other related purposes within the city; and directing publication of notice of note sale

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Burgess to adopt a Resolution declaring the intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (the "city"), to issue a negotiable note, series 2024, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$600,000 to raise money to provide funds for (i) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus; (ii) purchasing machinery and equipment, including fire trucks, which have an expected useful life over 10 years and weighing 12,000 pounds or more; (iii) paying the costs of issuance for the note; and (iv) for other related purposes within the city; and directing publication of notice of note sale. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

- b. Adopt a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (the "city") approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of a negotiable note in the principal amount of not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to raise money to provide funds for (i) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus; (ii) purchasing machinery and equipment, including fire trucks, which have an expected useful life over 10 years and weighing 12,000 pounds or more; (iii) paying the costs of issuance for the note; and (iv) for other related purposes within the city

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Authement to adopt a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Ocean Springs, Mississippi (the "city") approving the employment of professionals in connection with the issuance of a negotiable note in the principal amount of not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to raise money to provide funds for (i) purchasing fire-fighting equipment and apparatus; (ii) purchasing machinery and equipment, including fire trucks, which have an expected useful life over 10 years and weighing 12,000 pounds or more; (iii) paying the costs of issuance for the note; and (iv) for other related purposes within the city. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

- c. Approve request for a variance to the minimum side yard building setback

requirement for accessory buildings to allow a garage to extend 2.5 feet into the side yard – 2118 Whitney Oaks Dr. – PID# 61596215.000 – Applicant: Justin

Sward – Zoning Adjustment Board Recommends DENIAL

The City Planner explained that ZAB recommended denial of the 25% setback variance based on there was no hardship and a conflict with the subdivision covenants. A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Blackman to deny 2118 Whitney Oaks Drive's request for a variance to the minimum side yard building setback requirement for accessory buildings to allow a garage to extend 2.5 feet into the side yard. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

d. Adopt Resolution to Request Additional Funds – MDOT Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) – STP-9059-00(001) LPA/109329-701000 – Riley Road Improvements

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Burgess to adopt a Resolution to Request Additional Funds MDOT Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) STP-9059-00(001) LPA/109329- 701000 – Riley Road Improvements. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

e. Adopt Resolution – Application for FY25-28 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Funding – Intersection Improvements

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Burgess to adopt a Resolution authorizing the application for FY25-28 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Funding for Intersection Improvements. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda, except item 8-t which was pulled by Alderman Cox.

Mayor:

- a. Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements to contract with the Friday at the Fort bands on April 26, May 31, July 26, August 30, and September 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Fort Maurepas Park
- b. Approval to allow the Ocean Springs Education Foundation - Crawfish & Cornhole for Classroom use of 90 barricades for their event on Friday, May 3 from 6-9 p.m. at The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center; city sponsorship. This event will promote and advertise the resources of the City of Ocean Springs.
- c. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for RootDown Beach Clean Up on April 14, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Fort Maurepas Park, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays associated event cost
- d. Authorize waiving the rental fee of the Ocean Springs Civic Center for the Gulf Coast Kringles Summer Training on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th & 18th; to advertise the resources of the City

Mary C:

- e. Authorize to declare surplus, no use to the city, and send to auction old sound system equipment

City Clerk:

- f. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting March 5, 2024
- g. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting March 19, 2024
- h. Ratify a \$64.00 payment to the MS Department of Revenue for police department tag renewals
- i. Ratify check 129082 for \$330.00 to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the 2024 Military and Civilian Job Fair on 4/2/2024.
- j. Accept the March 2024 Aged Receivables Report for utility billing

Fire Department:

- k. Authorization for out-of-state travel for employees #1578, #2089, and #2437, April 17-19, 2024, to Tampa FL for final inspection of the new fire trucks, no expense to the city

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- l. Authorize transfer of Animal Control Officer Kevin Interlicchia to Patrolman, Step 1, \$19.50 hourly rate; effective April 13, 2024; six months probationary status
- m. Authorize employment of Matthew Warren, Patrolman, Step 3, \$22.50 hourly rate; effective April 15, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- n. Authorize employment of Raquel Goley, Athletics Coordinator, Step 3, \$19.90 hourly rate; effective May 1, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending

successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

- o. Authorize transfer of Parks Maintenance Archie Heidelberg to Custodial Supervisor, Step 2, \$15.90 hourly rate; effective April 13, 2024; six-month probationary status

Planning Commission:

- p. Approve a Residential Short-Term Rental Permit – 808 Desoto #11 – Hunter Odom – Planning Commission Recommends Approval
- q. Approve a Residential Short-Term Rental Permit – 320 Magnolia Avenue – Gary Tucker – Planning Commission Recommends Approval
- r. Approve a Residential Short-Term Rental Permit – 106 Arbor Vista – Aaron & Jamie Gallagher – Planning Commission Recommends Approval

Grants Administration:

- s. Authorization to Advertise Construction: Taconi Window Replacement Project – Capital Expense Funding
- t. Authorization to Advertise Construction: Public Works Facilities Construction – RESTORE / Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF)

Alderman Cox requested attic storage space be added to the plans for the new Public Works facility before it is advertised. A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Wade to table the item until his request is added as an alternative. The motion failed with Aldermen Cox and Wade voting aye and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Papania, Blackman, and Impey voting nay. Brad Patano of MP Design Group spoke of the cost of adding attic space to the commercial building and said it would change the design requirements significantly. Several alternatives were offered, including enlarging the heated and cooled space of an outside storage building. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize to advertise the construction of the Public Works Facilities Construction using RESTORE - Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) pending the variations in the request.

Building Department:

- u. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through March 27, 2024
- v. Accept Code Report through March 27, 2024

Public Works:

- w. Adopt a Resolution to sell surplus property (scrap metal) with a value of less than \$1,000.00
- x. Adopt a Resolution to request donations for two 2013 Kenworth Knuckle-Boom Trucks and authorize the Mayor to send a letter of request to the Jackson County Board of Supervisors

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 Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, 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: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to accept the monthly budget report.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Gariga addressed the Board regarding a stop work order and a complaint that was filed by the City.

Laurie Carter requested decibel enforcement of the Downtown businesses.

Debbie Parker asked how long before new ward lines will be provided after the annexation.

David Jurich and Julia Illane addressed the Board regarding the proposed Marina on Front Beach.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess requested to reprioritize work orders with the Public Works Director and the Project Manager.

Alderman Authement thanked everyone involved in the work at the Fort with the new stage and playground.

Alderman Wade asked the Public Works Director for the decorative street signs status. He replied that the poles had been installed and the blanks had been ordered.

Alderman Blackman said the pre-construction meeting has been held for the Government Street Sidewalk Project and will begin after school ends for the summer.

Alderman Impey asked the Public Works Director when the newly paved roads in Ward 6 would be striped. He replied he was unsure but would inquire with the County.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to authorize the promotion of Fire Captain Jacob Lee to Battalion Chief, effective on April 14th, 2024, \$19.83 hourly rate and a 6-month probationary period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to go into a closed session to determine the necessity of going into an executive session.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to come out of closed session.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to form a committee consisting of Alderman Cox, Alderman Authement, and Alderman Blackman to meet with the Jackson County Supervisors to discuss the bulkhead and Front Beach Marina and Jackson County's involvement in the project.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to recess.

The meeting ended at 7:22 p.m.

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on APRIL 16, 2024

 4/16/24 
Mayor Date Clerk Date

