

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023

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 3, 2023. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Mark Dunston, 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 Executive Assistant to the Mayor & Board Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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

PROCLAMATION/CERTIFICATES

The Mayor presented a proclamation commending Street Department Assistant Supervisor Ronald Ducksworth upon his retirement for his 29 years of service to the City of Ocean Springs Public Works Department (Exhibit 3-a).

The Mayor presented certificates in recognition of employment years of service to Fire Lieutenant Shawn Lopes for 25 years of service, City Clerk Patty Gaston for 20 years of service, and Public Works Assistant Director of Administration & Finance Candice Hooks and Public Works Assistant Water Supervisor Michael Richard for 15 years of service (Exhibit 3-b).

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Goetsch 139 Watersedge Drive, item 8-l tree applications, requested the removal of his trees be allowed due to not being able to obtain homeowners insurance if the trees remain.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Authement recused himself from the discussion and vote of item 6-a, he left the Boardroom and did not return until after the item was concluded. The Planning & Grants Administrator said when Porter Avenue's curve near Bienville Boulevard was changed, an excess of street right-of-way was created. She said the property will not be utilized by the City. The City Attorney said due to Alderman Authement owning an adjoining property to the land being vacated, he consulted with Mississippi Ethics Commission Director Tom Hood and there are no ethical issues regarding vacating the land. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to vacate Porter Avenue street right-of-way adjacent to PID #60225020.600 and 60225010.000 (Exhibit 6-a).

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve 6 Run/Walk/Bike routes: YMCA 10K, Harley 10K, Rotary 5K, OS Bridge/Front Beach 5K, Night of Neon 5K, and Wesson Memorial 2K (Exhibit 8-a)
- b. Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the 35th Annual YMCA Winter Classic Run on Saturday, January 21, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., YMCA 10K Route, at no cost to the City, the applicant will pay for any associated cost (Exhibit 8-b)
- c. Accept the December 2022 Aged Receivable Report for utility billing (Exhibit 8-c)
- d. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting December 20, 2022 (Exhibit 8-d)
- e. Authorize the Mayor to execute agreements with Coastal Fire and Safety, LLC for fire alarm sales, monitoring, inspection, and service at City Hall, Civic Center, and Community Center (Exhibit 8-e)
- f. Human Resources action items (Exhibit 8-f):
 - a) Authorize temporary appointment of Officer Andrew England to the rank of Sergeant due to the one-year military deployment of Sergeant Bryan, Step 3, \$21.22 hourly rate; effective January 7, 2023; six months probationary status

- g. Parktown Area Improvements Phase II – Authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order #1 with Coastal Development and Construction for a no-cost time extension (Exhibit 8-g)
- h. Fort Bayou Improvements/Katrina Disaster Recovery Funds – Authorize to award Rehabilitation of Lift Station #11 to Moran Hauling, Inc. in the amount of \$625,550.00 and authorize to reallocate funds from R-109-282-07-KCR to fully fund the award (Exhibit 8-h)
- i. Tidelands Project: FY18-P501-02 OS Front Beach Infrastructure Maintenance – Authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order #1 with Jay Bearden Construction, Inc. for a no-cost time extension for the Front Beach Sidewalk Repair Project (Exhibit 8-i)
- j. MDWF&P Land and Water Conservation Fund Project - Gay Lemon Park Improvements – Authorize the Mayor to execute an Engineering Agreement with BMA, Inc. not to exceed \$33,000.00 (Exhibit 8-j)
- k. Accept Code Enforcement Report through December 29, 2022 (Exhibit 8-k)
- l. Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through December 27, 2022 (Exhibit 8-l)

Item 8-l was pulled to continue the discussion from Agenda Public Comment. The Building Official said when he conducted his onsite inspection at 139 Watersedge Drive the insurance report was not available and he did not see a foundation issue caused by the trees. Alderman Papania asked if the limbs on the tree closest to the structure were cut back, would the insurance then provide coverage. The homeowner replied he had not inquired. Alderman Papania requested the homeowner file an appeal and separate both clusters of trees on the new application. The homeowner agreed to file an appeal with the insurance documentation. A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to accept item 8-l: Accept Tree Department Recommendations – Tree Applications through December 27, 2022 (Exhibit 8-l).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Clerk:

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, 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 (Exhibit 9-a).

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to approve the monthly budget report (Exhibit 9-b).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Special Events Coordinator Chic Cody said the Downtown Christmas lights will be taken down on January 15th.

Bill Moore thanked the City for giving the library a temporary home at the Mary C while repairs to the building are being made.

MAYOR & ALDERMAN'S FORUM

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to advertise for Ocean Springs School Board members.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to accept Christmas decorations from Darrell and Jane Thibodeau. The City Clerk requested an inventory list be submitted.

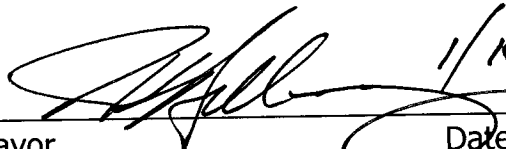
The Mayor said City staff will be taking a bus, provided by CTA, to the Gulf Coast Legislative Reception in Jackson, MS on January 4th. He thanked CTA for providing transportation for the City to the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to recess the meeting until 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023.

The meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor	Date	City Clerk	Date

