

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RECESSED MEETING OF MAY 21, 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 May 21, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Alderman Burgess was absent. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Ryan Lemaire, Interim Fire Chief Ryan Heath, 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

Special Events Coordinator Chic Cody gave the invocation and Alderman Authement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Proclamation - Retirement of Sewer Supervisor Matt Burrell after 26 years of service for the City of Ocean Springs

The Mayor proclaimed May 21, 2024, as Matthew Burrell Day.

- b. Proclamation - National Safe Boating Week

The Mayor proclaimed May 18th to 24th as National Safe Boating Week 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Adopt a Resolution approving the TIF Plan for the Ocean Springs Pine Street Hotel and Conference Center Project

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

Lawrence Lyons assisted the developer with the TIF Plan and explained to the public the TIF Plan specifics.

Donovan Scruggs presented the proposed development.

Spoke in opposition - Joe Jewell, Julia O'Neil, Glenda Buyers Johnson, Becky Desporte, Dee Frances Wichman, Mark Garriga, John Oaks, and Cindy Mitchell Peters.

Spoke in favor - Paige Roberts.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Wade to table the adoption until the next meeting. The motion failed with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Wade, Alderman Cox

Nay: Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to adopt a Resolution approving the TIF Plan for the Ocean Springs Pine Street Hotel and Conference Center Project. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey

Nay: Alderman Wade, Alderman Cox

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Item 7-c - Karen Stennis spoke in favor of Hillandale Avenue becoming a one-way street.

Item 7-b - Joe Jewell requested the Board move forward quickly with the redistricting.

Item 7-s - Angela Mentor said she is available to answer any questions regarding the variance request at 277 Holcomb Blvd.

AMENDED - OLD BUSINESS

a. AMENDED - Scott Lemon - Property Insurance Renewal

Scott Lemon presented two options for the renewal of the City's property insurance policy. Option 1 - 10% deductible for named storms \$622,449.71. Option 2 - 5% deductible for named storms \$644,434.59.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Impey to renew the City's property insurance policy using Option 2 with a lower deductible. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Adopt a Resolution Appointing Mississippi Municipal League (MML) 2024 Voting Delegates for the City of Ocean Springs

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to appoint Mayor Holloway as the voting delegate and Alderman Authement as the alternate voting delegate.

- b. Discuss the redistricting of the City

Donovan Scruggs said he completed the 2008 redistricting of the city along with a Redistricting Committee. He requested to be contracted again for the City's upcoming redistricting project and said that he would complete the job for a flat fee rather than an hourly fee.

- c. Proposal to draft ordinance for Hillandale Avenue to become a one way street

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to authorize the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for Hillandale Avenue to become a one-way street, running north to south.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda except item 8-d removed by Alderman Authement and item 8-s removed by Alderman Wade.

Mayor:

- a. Approve Run Permit for the Wesson Memorial 2-mile Run on July 4, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., using the YMCA route, applicant to pay all costs
- b. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Mosaic Church Student Ministry Summer Events on June 2, June 9, June 23, and July 7, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Freedom Field; no costs to the City, and the applicant pays associated event cost
- c. Approve Special Event Application for the City of Ocean Springs Independence Day Event and Fireworks on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Fort Maurepas Park; Unfazed Show & Band will perform; the City will incur the cost of event

Mary C:

- d. Authorize the Mayor and the Arts & Culture Coordinator to execute the instructor MOUs and Hold Harmless Agreements for programming at the Mary C. with David Bryan, Joany Gauvreau, Sacha Lynn, Sherri Wimberly, Shine Theater,

Secret Coast, and Trinity Cafe by Joshua

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor and the Arts & Culture Coordinator to execute the instructor MOUs and Hold Harmless Agreements for programming at the Mary C. with David Bryan, Joany Gauvreau, Sacha Lynn, Sherri Wimberly, Shine Theater, and Secret Coast.

City Clerk:

- e. Authorize to declare a 2009 Chevy Impala as surplus, no value to the City, and send to online auction
- f. AMENDED - Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting May 7, 2024
- g. Authorize the delivery of check 129520 for \$1,181,016.38 to Emergency Equipment Professionals upon receipt of 2 2024 Pierce Saber Pumper Trucks

Police Department:

- h. Accept OSPD Monthly Report for April 2024
- i. Authorize the Police Chief to execute a contract with Flock Safety for a 24-month initial term; the contract has been reviewed by the City Attorney
- j. Authorize to place unclaimed items in the next online City auction

Fire Department:

- k. Authorize to declare Asset #2124 Cobia boat hull as surplus and to use as trade-in value for the new fire department boat
- l. Accept OSFD Monthly Report for April 2024

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- m. Accept the resignation of Patrolman Derick McGill, effective May 28, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- n. Accept resignation of Part-time Police Officer William Heath Morris, effective May 20, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- o. Accept resignation of Animal Control Officer Kevin Interlicchia, effective May 8, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- p. Accept resignation of Dispatcher Kayla Wilson, effective May 24, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- q. Accept resignation of Public Works Administrative Assistant Alexis Rogers, effective May 14, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- r. Accept retirement of Sewer Supervisor Matthew Burrell, effective May 31, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Zoning Adjustment Board:

- s. Approve the request for a variance from the north and west side building setback requirements at 277 Holcomb Blvd/PID 61135041.00; the Zoning and Adjustments Board recommends approval of the side yard variance

The Community Development Director explained that the Zoning and Adjustment Board approved the side yard setback variance but denied the rear yard setback variance. Applicant, Angela Mentor, requested the Board grant both variances. She explained if the 28" rear setback variance is granted, it will allow them to keep a large live oak tree. A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to approve both side and rear setback variances for 277 Holcomb Blvd.

Historic Preservation Commission:

- t. Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for installation of seamless gutters at 1211 Bowen /PID 60137096.000; the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval.
- u. Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness to improvements to a non-attached garage, add two windows, a door and a door overhang at 1101 Iberville Drive/PID 60119164.000; the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval.
- v. Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for Wooden Walkway at 1101 Iberville Drive/PID 60119164.000; the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval.
- w. Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for windows replacement with like windows at 414 Martin Ave/60137428.000; the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval.

- x. Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for a partial demolition of a structure at 520 Jackson Ave/PID 60137210.00; the Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval

Grants Administration:

- y. Authorize Execution of Change Order #1 – Hopkins Construction & Maintenance – Fort Maurepas Stage Cover – Summary Deduction
- z. Authorization to Reject Bids Received and to Re-Advertise Construction: Taconi Window Replacement Project – Capital Expense Funding
- aa. Modify Previously Adopted Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy for Compliance with Federal 2 CFR Part 200 Requirements for Use of Federal Funds
- bb. Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. for Construction Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 455-1-CW-5.5 – DOWNTOWN SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION – No Cost Increase
- cc. Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with Graham Construction Co., Inc. for Construction Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 455-1-CW-5.5 – DOWNTOWN SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION – No Cost Increase
- dd. Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with Bottom 2 Top Construction, LLC for Construction Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 455-1-CW-5.5 – DOWNTOWN SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION – No Cost Increase
- ee. Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with Smith Industrial Services for Utility Video and Cleaning Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) / MS Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant (MCWI) – MDEQ Agreement # 482-2-CW-5.5 – UTILITY EVALUATION: CLEAN & VIDEO LINES – No Cost Increase
- ff. Authorize Contract Amendment #1 with Delta Construction for Infrastructure Maintenance – No Cost Increase
- gg. Authorization to Advertise the Deana Road Improvement Project Funded through State Appropriations and Modernization Act Proceeds

Project Manager:

- hh. Front Beach Sidewalk Improvements, Phase Two – Authorization to Execute Supplementary Agreement #1 – Overstreet & Associates, PLLC – in the Amount of \$10,900.00
- ii. Authorize Acceptance of Closeout Documents and Warranty Documents – Roofing Solutions, LLC – Taconi Roof Project

Building Department:

- jj. Accept the Building Department Permit Report for April 2024
- kk. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for tree applications received through May 15, 2024
- ll. Accept Code Report through May 16, 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 Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey, 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 Authement, seconded by Alderman Wade, 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.

- c. City Clerk: Authorize a \$2800 budget increase to The Capitol Group Expenses

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to authorize a \$2800 budget increase to The Capitol Group's expenses.

- d. Building: Review tree appeal for 306 Bills Ave

Alderman Wade said the magnolia tree is damaging the driveway and shed. A motion was made by Alderman Wade, seconded by Alderman Cox, and unanimously carried to grant the tree appeal for 306 Bills Avenue and allow the removal of the magnolia tree.

- e. Building: Review tree appeal for 104 Sherwood Cir

The Building Official said the driveway does have stress cracks but no visible damage which is why it was denied. Janis Dobbs said the tree is close to the house and damaging the driveway. She said her insurance company has recommended the removal of the tree but didn't have any documentation from the insurance company. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to grant the tree appeal for 104 Sherwood Circle and allow the removal of the tree.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Katie Yow requested the City remove a tree damaging her driveway and replace the driveway.

Timothy Johnson spoke in favor of Downtown entertainment, tourism, and development. He denied claims that Mosaic Restaurant is violating the noise ordinance and that they use a decibel reader to ensure no violations plus stop live music before the required cutoff times.

Joe Jewel spoke in opposition to commercial development on Front Beach at the old Fayard property.

Dee Francis Wichman said she received a court summons that was signed in March for junk in her yard. She is unclear about what the summons is referring to and does not believe the cars in the yard should be considered junk.

Mark Garriga said he would move the vehicles from his mother's yard.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Authement requested the Grease Trap Ordinance be reviewed and adjusted again.

Alderman Impey congratulated the 2024 graduates from Ocean Springs High School.

The Mayor requested to appoint the City Clerk to negotiate a fair solution with the Jackson County Tax Collector's Office for the 2024 taxes for the newly annexed area. A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to appoint City Clerk Patty Gaston to negotiate tax funds for the annexed area with the Jackson County Tax Collector.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURN UNTIL 6: 00 P.M. on June 4, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to adjourn.

The meeting ended at 8:22 p.m.


Mayor




6/19/24
Date

May 21, 2024 - Recessed Meeting Minutes