

CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 4, 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 June 4, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. Alderman Wade was absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Police Chief Ryan Lemaire, Interim Fire Chief Ryan Heath, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Assistant Director Gerald Groue Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Community Development Director Carter Thompson, Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, Arts & Culture Coordinator Sarah Qarqish, 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 Impey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor amended the agenda. He added item 3-b a presentation from Senator Brice Wiggins and Representative Hank Zuber and he tabled item 6-a until the Recess Meeting.

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

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PRESENTATIONS

a. Introduction of the 2024-2025 Mayor's Youth Council

The Admin & Community Relations Coordinator announced the 2024-2025 Mayor's Youth Council and allowed each member to introduce themselves and which ward they reside in.

b. ADDENDUM: Senator Brice Wiggins and Representative Hank Zuber Presentation

Senator Brice Wiggins and Representative Hank Zuber presented the Board with a check for \$3 Million approved through Senate Bill 2468 for various uses in the City. The Mayor said the city will receive a total of \$6,050,000 in appropriations this coming year thanks to Senator Wiggins and Representative Zuber's work in the capitol.

Alderman Blackman announced that Chic-fil-A and Chipotle restaurants will be opening in Ward 5 near the hospital.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Approve Request for the Preliminary Plat for a Subdivision for Townhouse Dwellings in the C-H (Regional Commercial District) on Groveland Rd. – PID# 60127330.100 – Applicant: Freddie Fountain/Fountain and Assoc., LLC

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

The Community Development Director said a preliminary plat application was received for a 30-unit townhouse development on Groveland Road.

No public input for or against.

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

The applicant, Freddie Fountain, said the approximate timeline for development completion is twelve to eighteen months.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Papania to approve the request for the Preliminary Plat for a Subdivision for Townhouse Dwellings in the C-H (Regional Commercial District) on Groveland Road PID# 60127330.100. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:
Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox
Nay: None

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Item 8-b. - Deborah Parker requested the special event application for the Mardi Hop event be denied.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **TABLED:** Appoint two members to the Ocean Springs Redevelopment
NEW BUSINESS

a. Adopt a Resolution renewing the Multi-family Moratorium for 12 months
A motion was made by Alderman Papania and seconded by Alderman Burgess
to adopt a Resolution renewing the Multi-Family Moratorium for twelve months.

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

There being a tie vote, the Mayor voted Aye and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and
unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda, except item k pulled by
Alderman Authement.

Mayor:

- a. Ratify the authorization of the Special Event Permit Application for the
Eucharistic Procession on June 2, 2024, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Start at St.
Alphonsus Catholic Church, north on Jackson Avenue, east on Porter
Avenue, south on Washington Avenue, west on Calhoun, north on Jackson
and then back into the church; one-lane closure; applicant paid incurred
costs
- b. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for Mardi Hop on January
11, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning on Bowen Avenue, to
Bellande Avenue to City Hall; the applicant to pay all associated costs
- c. Approve Special Event permit application for the Ocean Springs Carnival
Association Mardi Gras Night Parade on Friday, February 28, 2025, from
6:00
p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Regular Parade Route; there will be overtime costs for
the City
- d. Authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the City of Picayune to request
assistance from their municipal judge and prosecutor to hear a case in
Ocean Springs Municipal Court; costs will be incurred

Mary C:

- e. Authorize the Mayor and the Arts Coordinator to execute the MOU and
Hold Harmless with program instructor Krangus Gillespie

City Clerk:

- f. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Continuing Disclosure Engagement

Letter with Butler Snow to remain as counsel and agent for continuing disclosure of bond requirements

- g. Ratify electronic payment to Amazon Capital Services for invoice 1QW7-WPXK- H1JR in the amount of \$35.58
- h. Ratify check 129690 to U-J Chevrolet for purchase of 2022 Chevy Colorado for Building Department.

Police Department:

- i. Authorize the Police Department Vehicle Unit 2401 as Unmarked
- j. Authorize Out-of-State Travel to New Orleans, LA, for Training

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- k. Authorize transfer of position and incumbent Parks Maintenance Technician Gary Cooper from the Parks & Recreation Department to the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center as the MCOK Facilities Technician, effective June 8, 2024; with the approval of the Human Resources Committee

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to authorize the transfer of Parks Maintenance Technician Gary Cooper from the Parks & Recreation Department to the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center as the MCOK Facilities Technician, effective June 8, 2024.

- l. Authorize employment of Nichole Saccurato, Part-time Dispatcher, \$15.99 hourly rate; effective June 6, 2024; pending successful completion of all pre- employment requirements
- m. Accept resignation of Patrolman Christopher Bernard, effective June 16, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- n. Accept resignation of Executive Assistant Charlene Anderson, effective June 14, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- o. Authorize removal of Firefighters Garrett Beasley and Colin Jordan from probationary status to full time status as of May 26, 2024 and June 15, 2024 respectively
- p. Accept resignation of Firefighter Micah Groue, effective June 12, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- q. Authorize transfer of Water Assistant Supervisor Michael Richard to Truck Driver, Garbage Department, effective June 8, 2024; six-month probationary period
- r. Authorize transfer of Truck Driver Kenny Stilson from the Garbage Department to the Street Department, effective June 8, 2024; six-month probationary period

- s. Accept resignation of Tractor Operator David O'Neal, effective May 29, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- t. Accept resignation of Street Laborer Steve Cranfield, effective June 6, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Historic Preservation Commission:

- u. Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a front yard entrance gate at 110-A Shearwater Drive, PID#: 60130590.072, Shearwater Historic District. Applicant: Owen White

Grants Administration:

- v. Authorization to Advertise Lift Station Improvements Related to the ARPA/MCWI Downtown Sewer Improvement Project – 455-1-CW-5.5

Project Manager:

- w. Authorization to Advertise for the Term Bid Contract for Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Lining and Manhole Rehabilitation

Building Department:

- x. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through May 30, 2024
- y. Accept Code Report through May 30, 2024

Public Works:

- z. Authorize purchase of Crane Truck from Ed Murdock Ford from Reverse Auction run by PH Bidding. The purchase price is \$187,650.00.

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: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Frances Wichman addressed the Board about a current litigation case

involving her son and the house moved onto his property.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess asked the Parks & Recreation Director about the playground equipment for John Gill Park. He replied that it should be delivered by July 1st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on JUNE 18, 2024

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to recess.

The meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.

	<u>6/18/24</u>		
Mayor	Date	Clerk	Date

