

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RECESS MEETING OF JULY 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 July 16, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, and Impey were present. Alderman Blackman was absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Deputy Police Chief Steven Dye, 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, Project Manager Sarah Harris, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION

a. AMENDED: National Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation

The Mayor proclaimed July 2024 as National Parks & Recreation Month.

b. Rodney Mooney - Two Historic Markers Presentation

Rodney Mooney gave a presentation on Ocean Springs's history to the Board and requested two historical markers one for the Pirate DeGraffe and one for Jean Baptiste Baudreau II dit Graveline. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to authorize securing the funds for the requested historical markers.

AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Adopt Ordinance: An Amendment to the Ocean Springs Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 14, Article V

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Burgess to adopt an Ordinance (ORD 2024-06) an Amendment to the Ocean Springs Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 14, Article V regarding Golf Carts and Low-Speed Vehicles. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Alderman Blackman

- b. Adopt Ordinance: Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Article 1 to add Sec 21-3.2 Regarding Pedestrian Safety

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Wade to adopt an Ordinance (ORD 2024-07) amending Chapter 21, Article 1 to add Sec 21-3.2 Regarding Pedestrian Safety. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Alderman Blackman

- c. Adopt Ordinance: An Amendment Prescribing the New Charges for Water and Sewer Services

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Authement to adopt an Ordinance (ORD 2024-08) an Amendment Prescribing the New Charges for Water and Sewer Services. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Alderman Blackman

- d. Appoint commissioners to the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Zoning & Adjustment Board, Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals, and Cemetery Board

A motion was made by Alderman Cox and seconded by Alderman Wade to appoint Marshall Johnson Ward 1, Nicholas Geiser Ward 5, and Sean Senseney Ward 3 to the Planning Commission. Alderman Cox rescinded his motion. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to appoint Nicholas Geiser Ward 5 to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to reappoint Marshall Johnson Ward 1 to the Planning Commission for a three-

year term. A motion was made by Alderman Wade and seconded by Alderman Cox to readvertise the Planning Commission Ward 3 opening. The motion failed with Aldermen Burgess, Papania, and Impey voting nay; Aldermen Authement, Wade, and Cox voting aye; and the Mayor breaking the tie by voting nay. A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Papania to reappoint Andy Phelan to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. The motion passed with Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Papania, Impey, and Cox voting aye and Alderman Wade voting nay.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to appoint Karen Chewning and Mary Stafford to the Historic Preservation Commission for a four-year term.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to appoint Don Atwell, Micheal Smith, and Nick Gant to the Zoning & Adjustment Board for a three-year term.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to appoint Henry Furr to the Building Board of Adjustments & Appeals for a five-year term.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Burgess, and unanimously carried to readvertise the Cemetery Board openings.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda, except item 6-p pulled by Alderman Wade.

Mayor:

- a. Authorize a \$2,500 annual sponsorship for the 15th annual Mississippi Songwriters Festival on September 19-22, 2024 in downtown Ocean Springs

City Clerk:

- b. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting July 2, 2024
- c. AMENDED: Ratify check 130007 to MS Dept of Revenue for replacement title for firetruck sold at auction
- d. AMENDED: Ratify check 130009 to Trinity By Joshua for gallery opening services at Mary C.
- e. AMENDED: Ratify check 130051 to Matt Bowers Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Colorado

- f. AMENDED: Authorize the Mayor to execute the 2024 - 2025 HeadStart Lease Agreement

Police Department:

- g. Accept the OSPD monthly report for June 2024

Fire Department:

- h. Accept the OSFD Monthly Report for June 2024

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- i. Accept resignation of Patrolman Hunter Davis, effective July 7, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- j. Accept termination of probationary clerical employee #2759 effective July 9, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacancy
- k. Accept resignation of Beautification Laborer Kince Saucier, effective July 3, 2024; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- l. AMENDED: Authorize employment of Jennifer Mizell, Dispatcher, Step 4, \$16.39 hourly rate; effective July 23, 2024; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

Grants Administration:

- m. Authorization to Advertise for Special Project Engineering Consulting Services Pool
- n. Adopt a Resolution - Authorization to Submit Application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY25 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – Public Works Relocation, Phase 2
- o. Adopt a Resolution - Authorization to Submit Application for the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY25 – MS Development Authority (MDA) – Highway 57 Ballfield Turf

Project Manager:

- p. Authorize to Execute Agreement for Engineering Services with MP Design Group Related to Required Utility Relocations Associated with the MDOT Project to Widen Highway 90

A motion was made by Alderman Wade and seconded by Alderman Cox to table the agreement with MP Design Group. The motion failed, with the Mayor breaking the tie by voting nay, with a vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Cox

Nay: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Papania, Alderman Impey, Mayor Holloway

Absent: Alderman Blackman

A motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Burgess to

authorize to execute the agreement for Engineering Services with MP Design Group Related to Required Utility Relocations Associated with the MDOT Project to Widen Highway 90. The motion carried, with the Mayor breaking the tie by voting aye, with a vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Papania, Alderman Impey, and Mayor Holloway

Nay: Alderman Authement, Alderman Wade, Alderman Cox

Absent: Alderman Blackman

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

Building Department:

- r. Approve the Building Department Permit Report for June 2024
- s. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through July 11, 2024
- t. Accept Code Report through July 11, 2024

Public Works:

- u. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the sale of surplus personal property (scrap metal) with a value less than one thousand dollars

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Dee Francis Wichman spoke about ongoing litigation with the City.

James Lewis said he applied for the Planning Commission opening but didn't hear his name mentioned and wanted to ensure his resume was received. The Board confirmed that his resume was received and reviewed.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN'S FORUM

Alderman Burgess asked the Public Works Assistant Director about the street signs for the Culeoka Subdivision. He responded that the signs were complete and would be installed next week. She also requested the bushes be cut back from the entrance to the subdivision.

Alderman Authement asked the Public Works Assistant Director about the issue with the hydrant on Russell Avenue. He responded that they had not located the broken valve. Alderman Authement requested barricades be placed in parking spots next to the construction that will be taking place on Government Street at the Cornerstone Building.

Alderman Wade requested the catch basin at 104 Bradford Circle be cleaned for drainage.

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to authorize begin the process of filling a Street Laborer position vacancy due to the passing of Martin Hubbard.

Alderman Cox said he is awaiting the results of a speed study on Richmond Street for the possible placement of a speed bump. He also announced that he had nothing to do with a survey that was on Facebook regarding the City's administration.

The Mayor said Friday at the Fort will be July 26th and Breakfast with the Mayor will be tomorrow at the Gulf Hills Hotel.

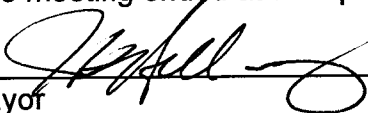
EXECUTIVE SESSION

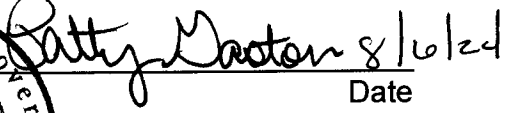
None.

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

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

The meeting ended at 7:04 p.m.

 8/6/24
Mayor Date

 8/6/24
Patty Weston Date



July 16, 2024 - Recess Meeting Minutes