

CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN RECESS MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2025 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 January 21, 2025. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, Blackman, and Impey were present. City Attorney Will Norman and Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin were also present. City Clerk Patty Gaston and Human Resources Director Mindy McDowell were present by teleconference.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

ACCEPT AMENDED AGENDA

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

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

- a. Agenda Amended to Address Essential City Business in Response to Winter Storm 2025 - The meeting will not be live-streamed

The meeting was live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sYNTNeMEWM>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Jewell and Ellen Hall addressed the Mayor and the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman, seconded by Alderman Impey, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize a \$1,480.00 payment from Ward 4 funds for median landscaping in the Watersedge HOA area
- b. Ratify the authorization to waive rental fees for the Ocean Springs High School Theatre Department to use the theatre at The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center on January 13-14, 2025

- c. Approve Special Event Application for the Ocean Springs High School Jr. Citizens Club Beach Clean Up on Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- d. Approve Special Event Application for Circus on Ice at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at the Ocean Springs Civic Center
- e. Authorize waiving the rental fees for the Ocean Springs Baseball Organization to use the Civic Center on February 5-6, 2025
- f. Approve the Run/Walk/Bike Permit Application for the 33rd annual Valentine's Day 5K on February 15, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.; Front Beach/OS Bridge; the applicant will pay any cost for the event
- g. Authorize waiving the rental fees for the Ocean Springs Municipal Library to use the Senior Center on March 19, 2025, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- h. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the 32nd annual Spring Arts Festival from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. March 22-23, 2025 in Downtown Ocean Springs; Authorize to waive special event permit fee; Authorize Street Closures: Washington Avenue (Railroad to Porter Avenue), Government Street (Washington Avenue to General Pershing), and Robinson Street (Church Ave to Cash Alley); city sponsorship; to advertise the resources of the City; there may be overtime cost to the City
- i. **ADDED:** Ratify execution of State of Emergency Proclamation January 20, 2025

City Clerk:

- j. Ratify electronic payment to Amazon Capital Services to ensure timely payment of invoice
- k. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting January 7, 2025

Police Department:

- l. Accept OSPD Monthly Report for December 2024 and Annual Report for 2024

Fire Department:

- m. Accept OSFD Monthly Report for December 2024 and Annual Report for 2024

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- n. Authorize employment of Jastiny Bell, Patrolman, Step 2, \$22.50 hourly rate; effective January 22, 2025; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- o. Authorize employment of Nicholas Hayes, Patrolman, Step 1, \$21.00 hourly rate; effective February 10, 2025; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- p. Accept resignation of Patrolman Kristopher Saccurato, effective January 2,

2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

- q. Accept resignation of Fire Chief Ryan Heath, effective January 31, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- r. Accept resignation of Community Development & Planning Director Carter Thompson, effective January 10, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- s. Accept termination of Probationary Parks Maintenance Technician Employee #2824, effective January 7, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position

Building Department:

- t. Accept the Building Department Permit Report for December 2024
- u. Accept Code Enforcement Report through January 16, 2025
- v. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through January 16, 2025

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

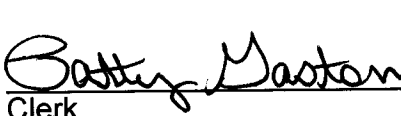
A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Papania, and unanimously carried to approve the Docket of Claims finding that all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread the summary on the minutes.

ADJOURN UNTIL 6: 00 P.M. on FEBRUARY 4, 2025

The City Clerk announced that garbage collection is canceled for Wednesday, January 22nd.

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

The meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

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Mayor Date Clerk Date





**RECESS MEETING AMENDED AGENDA
CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 - 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ACCEPT AMENDED AGENDA

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT *** The Public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes each for a maximum period of 30 minutes*

4. CONSENT AGENDA ** All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

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