

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS - MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2025 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 April 1, 2025. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, and Blackman were present. Alderman Impey attended the meeting by teleconference pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code. Let the minutes reflect that there is a speaker in the meeting room that all those present are able to hear Alderman Impey. City Attorney Will Norman, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Interim Police Chief Steven Dye, Interim Fire Chief Chris Hupe, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, Human Resources & Risk Management Director Mindy McDowell, Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, Interim Community Development & Planning Director Wade Morgan, Parks & Recreation Director Stephen Glorioso, and Project Manager Sarah Harris were also present.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Parks & Recreation Director gave the invocation and Alderman Papania led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Cox to accept the agenda. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania,
Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade
Nay: None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Authement and seconded by Alderman Blackman to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania,
Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade
Nay: None

Mayor/BOA:

- a. Authorize the waiver of rental fees totaling \$220 for eight trash cans and eighteen barricades for The Lord Is My Help's 11th Annual Feed the Need Event, to be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025

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- b. Authorize City sponsorship and approval to provide 90 barricades (valued at \$900) for use by the Ocean Springs Education Foundation for their "Crawfish & Cornhole for Classrooms" event, to be held on Friday, May 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center; this event will promote and advertise the resources of the City
- c. Authorize the Mayor to execute a letter authorizing beer and wine to be served at the Mary C for the Crawfish & Cornhole for Classrooms Fundraiser
- d. Authorize the waiver of the Civic Center rental fee for the American Red Cross for the Battle of the Badges event between the Ocean Springs Police Department and Fire Department on May 22, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, to promote City resources
- e. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the Gulf Coast Disability Celebration on June 28, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Little Children's Park, at no cost to the City, the applicant pays the associated event cost
- f. Accept proposal from Artisan Pyrotechnics Inc. for July 3, 2025, Independence Day Celebration for \$16,200.00
- g. Accept Barge donation from Signet Maritime Corp. for the July 3rd fireworks display
- h. Adopt Resolution requesting assistance from Jackson County Board of Supervisor Troy Ross for the 2025 Independence Fireworks Display
- i. Adopt Resolution requesting assistance from Jackson County Board of Supervisor Randy Bosarge for the 2025 Independence Fireworks Display
- j. Authorize the Mayor to execute the 2025 Cruisin' the Coast Venue Proposal and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the event scheduled for October 9– 11, 2025
- k. Authorize amendment of dates of use of the WAMA Community Center by the Ocean Springs Art Association, as outlined in their MOU dated February 18, 2021, to reflect revised dates of Wednesday, October 15, 2025, through Tuesday, November 11, 2025, due to the date change of the Peter Anderson Festival

Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center:

- l. Authorize the Mayor and the Mary C. O'Keefe Center Director to execute the MOU's and Hold Harmless with The Mississippi Songwriters Alliance and Anita O'Dell - Monet on the Rocks

City Clerk:

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- m. Approve Minutes: Recess Meeting March 18, 2025
- n. Accept the March 2025 Aged Receivables for Utility Billing

Police Department:

- o. Authorize donation of two 2013 Dodge Chargers to OSSD, declare vehicles surplus, no value to the city, and remove from inventory

Human Resources/Risk Management:

- p. Authorize employment of Joseph Windham, Parks Maintenance Technician, Step 1, \$16.00 hourly rate; effective April 2, 2025; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- q. Accept termination of Parks Probationary Employee #2841, effective March 26, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- r. Authorize removal of Head Mechanic Bryan Farve from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- s. Authorize removal of Water Supervisor Chester Taylor from probationary status to full time status effective immediately
- t. Accept resignation of Street Laborer Dallas Burney, effective March 21, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- u. Accept resignation of Sewer Laborer Chris Depreo, effective April 4, 2025; authorize to begin the process of filling the vacant position
- v. Authorize employment of Brittany Gorsline, Street Laborer, Step 1, \$14.00 hourly rate; effective April 12, 2025; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements
- w. Authorize employment of Andrew Harris, Beautification Laborer, Step 2, \$14.42 hourly rate; effective April 12, 2025; one-year probationary status, pending successful completion of all pre-employment requirements

Planning Commission (PC):

- x. Approve a request for a Short-Term Rental permit at 1112 Lafontaine Unit A – PIDN: 61080005.010 - The property is zoned R-1.; PC recommends approval

Grants Administration:

- y. Authorize Advertisement of the Gateway Sculpture Funded through the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund (GCRF) – FY23 for Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center Rehabilitation and Signage – MDA

Project Manager:

- z. Authorize the execution of a Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for

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Professional Services related to the evaluation of necessary utility improvements in Phase II of the Newly Annexed Areas, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00

Building Department:

- aa. Accept Code Enforcement Report through March 26, 2025
- bb. Approve the Building Official's recommendations for the tree applications received through March 27th, 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 Blackman and seconded by Alderman Cox to approve payment of the Docket of Claims, all expenditures are appropriate and authorized by law, and spread summary on the minutes. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade
Nay: None

- b. City Clerk: Accept the Monthly Budget Report

A motion was made by Alderman Wade and seconded by Alderman Blackman to accept the monthly budget report. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade
Nay: None

RECESS UNTIL 6:00 P.M. on APRIL 15, 2025

A motion was made by Alderman Blackman and seconded by Alderman Burgess to recess until 6:00 p.m. on April 15, 2025. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Alderman Burgess, Alderman Authement, Alderman Papania, Alderman Blackman, Alderman Impey, Alderman Cox, Alderman Wade
Nay: None

The meeting ended at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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Date

4/15/25

