

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL JUNE 5, 2018 AT 6:00 O’CLOCK P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Windham at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman McHenry
Alderman Luckett
Alderman Sartor
Alderman Steverson
Alderman Foy
Alderman Thompson
Alderman Gill

Also in attendance was Kelly Scouten, City Clerk and Brendan Sartin, City Attorney.

PRAYER

The meeting was opened with prayer by City Attorney, Brendan Sartin.

City Clerk, Kelly Scouten, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon Motion by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Gill, the following items were approved and adopted as the Orders of the Board by unanimous affirmative vote (“Aye”) of all Aldermen present:

- A.** Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2018.
- B.** Approval of the claims docket for the period of May 15, 2018 to June 5, 2018, in the amount of \$2,197,357.95 in paid claims \$257,329.11, in unpaid claims and \$82,520.13, addendum.
- C.** Approval of garbage exemptions applications and renewals, as attached hereto and made a part of the Minutes.
- D.** Approval of Application(s)

Landon Carpenter- Building & Grounds

Christopher Gale- Water
Breanna Magee- Court Services
Jason Bates- Water
Dustin Langley- Street
Gunner Williams- Street
John Armstrong- Police

- E.** Approval of Authorization to travel:
Jim Brown- June 26-27, 2018 to Biloxi, MS Training officer powerdms training module advanced training / Cost \$200.00
Justin Barnette-June 6-10, 2018 to Southaven, MS 2018 National Lawfit / Cost\$ 823.25
Shaun McDaniel-June 6-10, 2018 to Southaven, MS 2018 National Lawfit / Cost \$ 823.25
Glen Westbrook- June 6-10, 2018 to Southaven, MS 2018 National Lawfit/ Cost \$647.25
Zack Goins- June 6-10, 2018 to Southaven, MS 2018 National Lawfit / Cost \$647.25
Jeannie Easterling June 6-10, 2018 to Southaven, MS 2018 National Lawfit / \$296.25
Justin Barnette and Ruben Miles- June 11-14, 2018 to Gonzales, LA training on understanding Sexual Deviant Behaviors to conduct Successful Interviews/ Cost\$636.10 each
Archie Bennett, Kyle Camardelle, Alfred Jenkins, Vincent Burnwell, Mandy Dearman- June 18-22, 2018 to Bay St. Louis, MS for 2018 Mississippi Association of School Resource Officers Conference/ Cost \$1,101.74 each
- F.** Approval of Merit Increases:
Orlando Redd- Police
Freddie Stapleton- Water
Donald Breakfield- Street
Lacy Perkins- Police
Kayla Gentry- Police
Phillip Ohlis- Fire
- G.** Order to approve and adopt City of Pearl Strategic Plan 2018-2022.
- H.** Order to approve and authorize the Preliminary Evaluation Questionnaire of Pearl City Hall for the National Register of Historic Places and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- I.** Order to approve and authorize the Food Service Partnership Agreement by and between the City of Pearl and Summit Food Service, LLC to provide for inmate work crew meals.
- J.** Order to approve and authorize the “Get a Splash Out of Summer” Water Fun Day by Pearl Parks & Recreation on August 4, 2018 and August 25, 2018.
- K.** Order to approve and authorize the Amended and Restated Service Agreement for Treatment of Wastewater between Customers and West Rankin Utility Authority and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.

- L. Order to adopt a Resolution declaring, (1) Pitney Bowes 5390 Checksigner – Imprinter Product No.: U560 Serial No.: 382764; as surplus and to approve the disposal and/or sale thereof as required by law.
- M. Order to set public hearing for June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Lisa Marie Murphy, its successors and assigns, 2831 Rodney St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No.E08P000005 00030; PPIN NO. 0111398), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.
- N. Order to set public hearing for June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Marie Christina Callahan, John Robert Callahan, Jeffery Head and Leslie Head and located at 302 Pearl Drive, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08N000002 00260; PPIN No. 011161), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.
- O. Order to set public hearing for June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Harry McMain and located at 2035 Small Drive, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08E000008 00010; PPIN No. 058979), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.
- P. Order to set public hearing for June 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. to Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Kitty Ruth Lowry and located at 4144 Bright Street, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F09C000002 00760; PPIN No. 015626), public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.
- Q. Order to approve engagement letter Legal Representation by and between the City of Pearl and Wells Marble & Hurst, PLLC., and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Morris, P.O. Box 384, Brandon MS 39042; presented Alderman Luckett with a trophy for being the Champion of the “Wing Eating Contest” on Pearl Day.

Melanie Calvert Benton, 247 Reynolds St., Pearl MS 39208.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property, owned by Charles Rayford Cooksey Estate c/o Jeni Cooksey Goodloe, its successors and assigns, 255 Reynolds St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08Q0008 00300; PPIN NO.011629), is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibited, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Mayor Windham called the public hearing to order and asked if anyone was present to speak in favor of the property. No one answered. Mayor Windham asked if anyone else desired to speak against the property. The Community Development Director informed the Mayor and Board that the property was not properly maintained and the building was unsafe, the owner had failed and refused to cut the grass and vegetation on the property and maintain the property in a manner to keep it from being an eye sore, unsightly and unkept or otherwise a menace to the public health and safety of the community. He also stated that the property has not had active water or electricity July 2010. He further stated there is a hole in the roof of the house and with such the house serves as a host for mold and mildew, rodents and criminal activity. Further, he stated that he believes the cost to renovate and restore the house to a livable condition is greater than fifty percent of the assessed value of the house.

Melanie Benton at 247 Reynolds Street appeared and addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning the property condition at 255 Reynolds Street. She stated that the property is in extremely poor condition and she believes the house should be torn down to protect health, safety and welfare of the other residents in the area.

Alderman Gavin Gill addressed the Mayor and other Aldermen stating that he has received numerous complaints over the years regarding the poor condition of the house and property located at 255 Reynolds Street. Mayor Windham asked if anyone else desired to speak on the matter. No one answered. Mayor Windham closed the public hearing and asked for the pleasure of the Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson to adopt the following Order:

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI THAT:

1) The required notice which was mailed and posted in relation to this hearing is hereby received and recorded and the City Clerk is directed to record said copy in the minutes of these proceedings.

2) The parcel of property owned by Charles Rayford Cooksey Estate, and located at 255 Reynolds, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Tax Parcel No. E08Q00008 00300 and PPIN No. 011629), is hereby adjudicated, in its present condition, to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community for the reason that said property is in an unsafe and unclean

condition with grass, weeds and other unsightly vegetation growing thereon and with debris present thereon, and said owner(s) has failed to remedy these hazardous, unsafe, and unsightly conditions thereon.

3) That the Department of Community Development is hereby directed to post a copy of this Order on the property, and if said owner fails to bring said property into compliance within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, then the Department of Public Works with the aid of the various departments of the City, including the Department of Community Development, to perform one or more or all of the following acts on and to said property to clean said lot and remedy the hazardous, unsafe and unsightly conditions thereon:

Cutting grass, weeds, unsightly vegetation, cutting dead trees in danger of falling, filling cisterns, removing rubbish, dilapidated fences, outside toilets, demolishing and removing any dilapidated or unsafe or unsanitary buildings, including the residence, and other debris, and draining cess-pools and standing water therefrom.

4) That the Director of Community Development is hereby directed to keep a careful and correct accounting of the cost of cleaning and remedying said lot and to report this accounting to the next regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen after said property is cleaned and remedied in compliance with this Order.

5) That there should be and hereby is imposed and assessed against the subject property a penalty of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost, whichever is more, which the City Clerk shall cause to be included in the assessments for municipal ad valorem taxes.

6) This adjudication that the property or parcel of land is in need of cleaning will authorize the will also authorize the municipality to reenter the property or parcel of land up to six (6) times in any twelve-month period with respect to removing dilapidated buildings, dilapidated fences and outside toilets, and up to twelve (12) times in any twenty-four-month period with respect to cutting grass and weeds and removing rubbish, personal property and other debris on the subject property, without any further hearing if notice is posted on the property or parcel of land and at city hall or another place in the municipality where such notices are generally posted at least seven (7) days before the property or parcel of land is reentered for cleaning.

The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Order to adopt a Resolution of the City of Pearl, Mississippi Amending Policy 1.08 of the Pearl Police Department Policies and Procedures, and Establishing an Effective Date therefore.

Motion was made by Alderman Luckett and seconded by Alderman McHenry to adopt a Resolution of the City of Pearl, Mississippi Amending Policy 1.08 of the Pearl Police Department Policies and Procedures, and Establishing an Effective Date therefore. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

B. Order to adopt a Resolution of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi, to hold a Special Election on July 24, 2018, declaring an intent to levy a tax at the rate of Three Percent (3%) of the Gross Proceeds of Sales of Room Rentals from Hotels and Motels for each such Hotel or Motel within the City and One Percent (1%) Tax of the Gross Proceeds of Restaurants operating within the City of Pearl, Mississippi, for the purpose of enhancing Parks and Recreations Programs and for Promoting the City of Pearl and For Related Purposes, and for the Payment of any debt incurred in connection therewith; Declaring the date upon Which the Tax Shall become Effective, and calling for an Election to be held on the Question.

Motion was made by Alderman Steverson and seconded by Alderman McHenry to adopt a Resolution of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi, to hold a Special Election on July 24, 2018, declaring an intent to levy a tax at the rate of Three Percent (3%) of the Gross Proceeds of Sales of Room Rentals from Hotels and Motels for each such Hotel or Motel within the City and One Percent (1%) Tax of the Gross Proceeds of Restaurants operating within the City of Pearl, Mississippi, for the purpose of enhancing Parks and Recreations Programs and for Promoting the City of Pearl and For Related Purposes, and for the Payment of any debt incurred in connection therewith; Declaring the date upon Which the Tax Shall become Effective, and calling for an Election to be held on the Question.

The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

There were no emergency consideration of committees, commission and board matters. Having no further business Mayor Windham asked that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by McHenry approving an order to adjourn the meeting. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

The foregoing were adopted as, and became, the Resolutions and Orders of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi on this the 5th day of June, 2018.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 19th day of June, 2018.

JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN