

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 MARCH 6, 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 Alderman Steverson.

Alderman Sartor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

ROGER GRADY FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE WATER DEPT.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon Motion by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Thompson, 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 February 20, 2018.
- B.** Approval of the claims docket for the period of February 20, 2018 to March 6, 2018, in the amount of \$1,750,789.11, in paid claims \$217,899.75, in unpaid claims and \$31,515.96, addendum.
- C.** Approval of garbage exemptions applications and renewals, as attached hereto and made a part of the Minutes.

- D.** Approval of application(s): Minda Cox- Dispatcher, John Campbell- Limited Term-Golf Course, Travis Dunlap-Inspector-Community Development
- E.** Approval of Authorization to travel:
Christa Billings, ESAP Conference-May 2-4 2018, Natchez, MS (Cost: \$669.33)
Chase Elam, Brandon Jordan-Desert Snow Criminal Interdiction workshop-March 6, 2018, Brandon MS (Cost: \$599.00 each)
Justin Barnette, Wilkes Carter-Desert Snow Criminal Interdiction workshop-March 6, 2018, Brandon MS (Cost: \$Free)
- F.** Approval of Merit Increases:
Magdalena Campbell – Dispatcher
- G.** Order to approve and authorize the sale of one (1) Glock, Model 23 with Serial # RDP903 to Ronnie Conerly for a reasonable amount of \$.01, due to his retirement from the City of Pearl, on February 28, 2018.
- H.** Order to approve and authorize the emergency purchase of EGR valve kit from Emergency Equipment Professionals in the amount of \$2,534.74 for repairs to FD23.
- I.** Order to approve and authorize the Final Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund Loan Agreement and authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- J.** Order to approve and authorize a clothing allowance to be paid to plain clothes detectives in the amount of \$500.00 each. (13x\$500.00=\$6,500.00)The funds for the police department expenditures listed above shall be withdrawn from the Police Seizure Asset Forfeiture Fund as these expenditure are not general budgeted items, the expenditures are for law enforcement purposes and the funds are being used to augment the existing law enforcement budget and not to supplant said budget. The impacted budgets should be amended accordingly, if necessary.
- K.** Order to approve and authorize the purchase of (4) pro baseball mounds from Richardson's Athletics in the amount of \$7,789.56. (quotes obtained)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tyler Burnell, Glen Westbrook, Jim Brown, John Chalk, Ronnie Odom, Justin Barnette, Steven Federick and Robert Mahaffey all are police officers that addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding their decision on appointing Dean Scott as the Police Chief.

Steve Morton, 2828 Pine Circle Dr., addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with regard to the contractors for AT&T that are installing fiber optic cable.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider request by John Blackwell Builder LLC to waive the Fire Code Section 903 requiring that Skyway Hills Baptist Church install a sprinkler system to the building being renovated at 3790 Highway 80 E.

Mayor Windham called the public hearing to order. Mr. John Blackwell stated that he had spoken with the members of Skyway Hills Baptist Church and they do not want to change the original plans. Mr. Blackwell stated that the church was unable to afford to sprinkle the building and that they would not move forward with the remodel if the waiver wasn't granted. Director of Community Development, Donny Sullivan, and Fire Chief Carl Kibby offered to meet with Mr. Blackwell and the congregation about the matter before a final decision is made. Mr. Blackwell agreed to a meeting. Mayor Windham asked if anyone else wish to speak in favor of the request. No one spoke Mayor Windham asked if anyone wished to speak against the request. No one spoke. The public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Gill to table the request by John Blackwell Builder LLC to waive the Fire Code Section 903 requiring that Skyway Hills Baptist Church install a sprinkler system to the building being renovated at 3790 Highway 80 E. until the next meeting on March 20, 2018. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Lockett and Alderman Thompson.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Consider adopting a Resolution that supports an amendment by the Mississippi Legislature to Chapter 977, Local and Private Laws of 1994, as last amended by Chapter 955, Local and Private Laws of 2007 so as to clarify that the West Rankin Utility Authority may prioritize funds for the payment of its various debtholders, to ensure the West Rankin Utility Authority's ability to secure bonds issued in its name.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Steverson to adopt a Resolution that supports an amendment by the Mississippi Legislature to Chapter 977, Local and Private Laws of 1994, as last amended by Chapter 955, Local and Private Laws of 2007 so as to clarify that the West Rankin Utility Authority may prioritize funds for the payment of its various debtholders, to ensure the West Rankin Utility Authority's ability to secure bonds issued in its name. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Gill, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Lockett.

2. Consider an Order to approve and authorize the acceptance of the final plat for the Estates at Asbury.

Alderman Luckett recused himself and left the meeting room and did not participate in any action regarding this matter. Prior to discussion regarding this matter at the Board's work session last night, Alderman Luckett excused himself from the meeting and did not participate in any discussion regarding this matter. Alderman Luckett is recusing himself from any action on the matter to avoid a possible conflict of interest resulting from his being involved in a decision regarding the matter. Alderman Luckett has been advised to not discuss this matter with the Mayor, other Board members or any other city officials. The remaining Board members have been advised not to discuss the matter with Alderman Luckett.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Sartor to approve and authorize the acceptance of the final plat for the Estates at Asbury. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Sartor, and Alderman Thompson. Alderman Luckett did not participate in the vote.

3. Consider appointing Dean Scott as the Pearl Police Department Police Chief.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Sartor to consider an executive session to discuss a personnel matter associated with appointing a Police Chief; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Gill, Alderman Foy, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

It was announced that upon a Motion made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson the board entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter associated with appointing a Police Chief; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Gill, Alderman Foy, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

It was announced that during executive session that the Board adopted an Order, to appoint Dean Scott as the Pearl Police Department Police Chief.

Chief Scott addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and thanked them for the appointment.

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 Foy and seconded by Alderman Steverson 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 6th day of March, 2018.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 20th day of March, 2018.

JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN