# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF AL-DERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL JUNE 18, 2019 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 Thompse

Alderman Gill

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

### PRAYER

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderman Gill.

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

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

MS Urban Forestry Council – Certificate Recognizing Bright Park as Official Arboretum

Police Officer of the Month Zac Goins

# CONSENT AGENDA

Upon Motion by Alderman McHenry 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:

- 1. Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 4, 2019, 2019.
- 2. Approval of the claims docket for the period of June 4, 2019 to June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$1,904,753.92, in paid claims \$2,891,696.00, in unpaid claims and \$450,229.05, addendum. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen further find that the claims being paid are for budgeted items and those items are authorized to be purchased by law.

- 3. Approval of garbage exemptions applications and renewals, as attached hereto and made a part of the Minutes.
- 4. [Removed to General Business]
- Approval of authorization to travel:
   Jeannie Easterling, Kyle Carmardelle, and Alfred Jenkins- June 17-21, 2019 to Biloxi,
   MS to IP Casino for 2019 MASRO Conference
- 6. [Removed to General Business]
- 7. Order to approve and authorize entering into a contract by and between, the City of Pearl and ICheck Gateway for credit/debit card processing to be used in the Water Department.
- 8. Order to adopt a Resolution approving the settlement of litigation involving the condem nation of property owned by Dr. Cathy A. Stephens for the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Connector Project, and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- 9. Order to adopt a Resolution accepting the Deed of Conveyance by and between, the Pearl Public School District and the City of Pearl for the property, buildings, facilities, and improvements located at 475 Parkway Dr. Pearl, MS and to place the same on the invent tory of the City of Pearl.
- 10. Order to approve and authorize payment to Neel-Schaffer, Inc. in the amount of \$46.198.34 for the US Hwy 80 Signal Upgrade.
- 11. Order to approve and authorize the Memorandum of Agreement by and between, MDOT and the City of Pearl for the US Hwy 80 Traffic Signal Upgrades at Belvedere Dr. and Cross Park Dr. and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- 12. Order to approve and authorize the Memorandum of Agreement by and between, MDOT and the City of Pearl for the Old Whitfield Rd. Mill and Overlay Project and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- 13. Order to approve and authorize the Memorandum of Agreement by and between, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, HIDTA and the Pearl Police Department and to authorize Chief Scott to sign all related documents.
- 14. Order to approve and authorize the purchase and installation of 200 AMP 230 Service at the Dollar General Greenfield Road location by Cooper Electric in the amount of \$18,659.41. (quotes obtained)
- 15. Order to approve and authorize entering into an Agreement by and between Couch Tree Service and the City of Pearl for cutting and clearing all trees 2 to 3 inches in diameter or larger in and along ditch bank from N. Bierdeman Rd. to Flynn Dr. in the amount of \$128,000.00(quotes obtained)

- 16. Order to adopt a Resolution finding that the certain items identified on the attached list, which is incorporated herein by reference, as surplus, and to approve the disposal and/or sale of each item as required by law.
- 17. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of (18) recliners and (3) sofas from Dream Seat in the amount of \$14,108.69 for the Pearl Fire Department. (sole source)
- 18. Order to adopt a Resolution finding that the certain items identified on the attached list, submitted by the Police Department, which is incorporated herein by reference, as abandoned, lost, stolen or misplaced personal property, and said list shall be and has been posted in three (3) public places in the municipality for more than One Hundred Twenty (120) days and proper notice has been given and to approve the sale of each item as required by law by having the items sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash after first posting notice of such sale in three (3) public places in the municipality at least ten (10) days preceding the date of such sale.
- 19. Order to set public hearing for July 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to consider request by Eddie T. Manning to rezone 102 Excell Dr. (Parcel: G08M-27) from C-2 General Commercial to C-1 Warehouse District.
- 20. Order to set public hearing for July 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. to consider request by Lori Miller for a Waiver of the Animal Ordinance to be allowed to exceed the maximum of four (4) dogs allowed to five (5).
- 21. Order to adopt a Resolution adjudicating the cost of cleaning of property at the addresses identified on the attached list, which is incorporated herein by reference and to assess the costs against the listed properties.
- 22. Order to adopt a Resolution to amend the City of Pearl fiscal year 2018-2019 budget to include the Enterprise Fund, with anticipated revenues of \$1,100,000.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$1,100,000.00.
- Order to adopt a Resolution Declaring the intention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Pearl, Mississippi, to either issue General Obligation bonds of the City; Issue a General Obligation Bond of the City for sale to the Mississippi Development Bank or enter into a loan with the Mississippi Development Bank, all in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) to provide funds for the purpose of (A) constructing, improving and paving streets, sidewalks, driveways, parkways, walkways, and public parking facilities, and purchasing land there for; (B) purchasing land for parks, cemeteries and public playgrounds, and improving, equipping and adorning the same, including the constructions, repairing and equipping of swimming pools and other recreational facilities; (C) erecting municipal buildings, preparing and equipping athletic fields, and purchasing buildings or land therefor, and for repairing, improving, adorning and equipping the same, to include the construction of and improvements to softball and baseball fields, and city parks with parking, lighting, seating,

practice fields, concessions, other related equipment and facilities, including the center city complex; directing the publication of a Notice of such intention; and for related purposes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Consider request of Nissan North America, Inc. to grant Free Port Warehouse License and declare that the above warehouse be exempt from all ad valorem taxation on personal property shipped out of state during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Steverson to grant the request by Nissan North America, Inc. to grant Free Port Warehouse License and declare that the above warehouse be exempt from all ad valorem taxation on personal property shipped out of state during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Foy, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Gill.

2. Consider Applications for Employment and Merit Increases.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Gill to consider an executive session to discuss Applications for Employment and Merit Increases; 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 Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

It was announced that upon a Motion made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Foy the board entered executive session to discuss discuss applications for employment and merit increases; The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Gill, Alderman Foy, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

3. Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Sartor that effective July 1, 2019, that all general laborers currently employed by City of Pearl Public Works receive a merit increase of \$1.00 per hour; The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Gill, Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Luckett.

Lacey Perkins – Police Larry Killens- Street Amanda Parson- Community Development Freddie Stapleton- Water Crosby Tanner - Water

Motion was made by Alderman Sartor and seconded by Alderman Gill to reclassify those positions which were denied reclassification effective October 1, 2019;

This Motion was rescinded by Alderman Sartor.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman McHenry to reclassify those positions which were denied reclassification effective October 1, 2019; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill. Alderman Sartor voted against the Motion.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Gill to adjourn the executive session and return to general session. The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Gill, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Foy, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

The foregoing were adopted as, and became, the Resolutions and Orders of the Governing Authorities of the City of Pearl, Mississippi during Executive Session on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 2nd day of July, 2019.

JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

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KELLY SCOUPEN, CITY CLERK

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD DURING REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT CITY HALL JUNE 18, 2019 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Mayor and all Aldermen and the City Clerk and City Attorney entered the Alderman's anteroom. The Mayor brought the closed assembly to order and asked for a Motion to consider an Executive Session to discuss applications for employment and merit increases.

It was announced that upon a Motion made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Foy the board entered executive session to discuss discuss applications for employment and merit increases; The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Gill, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Foy, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Steverson.

The City Clerk returned to the Boardroom and announced this motion to those assembled.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Foy to approve the application for employment of Shane Burrell as Public Works Director; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Foy, and Alderman McHenry; Alderman Steverson, Alderman Luckett and Alderman Sartor voted against the Motion.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman McHenry to approve the application for employment of Dillon Hayes; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Luckett and Alderman Gill.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Sartor to deny the reclassification of any employee that has already received a merit increase during this budget year; The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Sartor, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Foy; Alderman Gill voted against the Motion.

Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman McHenry to approve all other requests for merit increases; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Luckett and Alderman Gill.

The merit increases approved are as follows: Judy Grimes-Public Works

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 McHenry and seconded by Alderman Steverson approving an order to adjourn the meeting. The following members of the Board of Alderman voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Luckett, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 2nd day of July, 2019.

JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN