

**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 17, 2020 AT 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen present:

Alderman McHenry  
Alderman Lockett  
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 Thompson.

Alderman McHenry, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

There were no acknowledgements.

**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 majority affirmative vote (“Aye”) of the Aldermen present;**

1. Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 3, 2020.
2. Approval of the claims docket for the period of March 3, 2020 to March 17, 2020, in the amount of \$1,309,927.47, in paid claims \$1,389,403.26, in unpaid claims and \$119,694.03, 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. Approval of application(s):  
Zachary Redditt- Police  
Raven Felder- Police
5. All non-essential travel is temporarily suspended during the State of Emergency.
6. Approval of Merit Increases  
Karen Watson- Police  
Charles Weathersby- Fire  
William Tharp- Fire  
Tyler Monts- Fire  
Preston Harris- Fire  
Preston Hall- Fire  
Andrew Readman- Fire  
Aaron Conerly- Fire  
Steve Culberson- Police  
Bradford Chisholm- Police  
Steven Frederick- Police  
James Odom- Public Works  
Kale Gammill- Shop  
William Pearson- Public Works  
Eric Sheffield- Shop
7. Order to approve and authorize a clothing allowance to be paid to plain clothes detectives and administrative personnel in the amount of \$900.00 each. (14x\$900.00=\$12,600.00)
8. Order to approve and authorize the purchase of two lane fixed LPR system with 2 Rapier 50 Dual Lens LPR cameras from TCS Ware in the amount of \$25, 495.00, to be placed on Pearson Road at Riverwind North and South Bound. (sole source)
9. Order to approve and authorize the police officers identified on the proposed part-time work schedule for April 2020, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, the use of the official Pearl Police Department uniform and official Pearl Police Department duty weapon and finding that the proposed employment is not likely to bring disrepute to the City of Pearl, or the Pearl Police Department, the officers at issue, or law enforcement generally, and that the use of the official uniform and weapon in the discharge of the officer's private security endeavor promotes the public interest of the City of Pearl.
10. Order to approve and authorize the Franchise Agreement by and between, the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Comcast of Southern Mississippi, Inc.
11. Order to adopt a Resolution designating Charles Capdepon, PE/Pickering Firm Inc. as the applicant's agent for the FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistant Grant Application.
12. Order to approve and authorize payment to Wierhouse Living LLC in the amount of \$14,700.00 for the Parks & Recreation Construction Project Phase 2.

13. Order to approve and authorize payment to Wierhouse Living LLC in the amount of \$8,710.00 for the Parks & Recreation Construction Project Softball & Baseball.
14. 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.
15. Order to set public hearing for April 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider request by Virgil Puckett to waive the animal ordinance to allow him to keep 33 mixed fowls on his property located at 638 Sweetgum St., Pearl, MS 39208.
16. Order to set public hearing for April 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. to consider request by Harrison Diggs for a dimensional variance of the Setback Ordinance Section 803 to allow him to build a 12x20 ft. covered patio at 557 Asbury Lane Dr., Pearl, MS 39208.
17. Order to approve and authorize the demolition of any and all dwellings at 3470 Highway 80 East, Pearl, MS, 39208, in the amount of \$25,000.00. (quotes obtained)
18. Order to approve and authorize the temporary suspension of disconnection and late charges policy in the Utility/Water department due to the State of Emergency that was declared on March 14, 2020, with regard to the COVID 19 pandemic.
19. Order ratifying an Order and approving an Ordinance proclaiming existence of an emergency.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Consider request by King LLC, for a dimensional variance to allow a 1200 sq. ft. house instead of 1500 sq. ft. as required by the Code of Ordinance at 524 Sardis St., Pearl, MS 39208.

**Motion was made by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Gill to grant the request by request by King LLC, for a dimensional variance to allow a 1200 sq. ft. house instead of 1500 sq. ft. as required by the Code of Ordinance at 524 Sardis St., Pearl, MS 39208. 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 Sartor, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry, and Alderman Thompson.**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1. Consider an Order to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Opening Time for Regularly Scheduled Meetings to 6:00 p.m., effective immediately at the next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2020, and all Regularly Scheduled Meetings thereafter.

**Motion was made by Alderman Luckett and seconded by Alderman Gill to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Opening Time for Regularly Scheduled Meetings to 6:00 p.m., effective immediately at the next meeting scheduled for April 7, 2020, and all Regularly Scheduled Meetings thereafter. 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 Sartor, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry, and Alderman Thompson.**

- 2. Consider an Order to adopt COVID-19 Emergency Administrative Leave Policy for the City of Pearl.

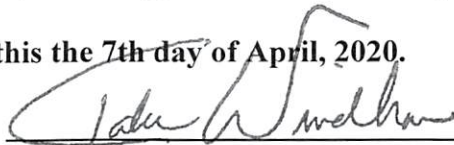
**Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Foy to adopt the COVID-19 Emergency Administrative Leave Policy for the City of Pearl. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Order of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Gill, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry, and Alderman Thompson.**

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 Gill and seconded by Alderman McHenry approving an order to adjourn the meeting in Honor of Andrea M. Bush (Ann). The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Steverson, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Foy, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

  
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CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN

