

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 16, 2020 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.

Roll call indicated the following Aldermen present:

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 Luckett.

Alderman Sartor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- **PROCLAMATION – Chown “Chop Chop” Sims.**
- **Police Officer Wilkes Carter – Life Saving Award**
- **Wilkes Carter, Steven Frederick, and Edgar Lemus - Police Officers of the Month**
- **Dispatchers Taylor Ambrose and Heather Vaughn (Charlie Shift)– Critical Incident Awards**
- **Lt. Pat Walker, Sgt. Chase Elam, Officer Wilkes Carter, Officer Reynaldo Olivo, Officer Joshua McPherson, Officer Edgar Lemus, Investigator Shaun McDaniel, Investigator Ruben Miles and Investigator Steven Frederick – Distinguished Officer Awards**

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

1. Approval/corrections of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 7, 2020.
2. Approval of the claims docket for the period of June 7, 2020 to June 16, 2020, in the amount of \$2,029,553.86, in paid claims \$801,862.07, in unpaid claims and \$117,382.92, 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 Applications: Richard Cates- Police
Tyler West- Police
5. Approval of authorization to travel:

Shaun McDaniel & John Chalk- July 26-31, 2020 to Little Rock, AR for criminal investigations using cellular technologies training/ Cost \$1052.00
Alfred Jenkins, Kyle Camardelle, Jeannie Easterling & Randy Newell- June 29-30 to Meridian, MS for active shooter school training. / No Cost
6. Approval of Merit Increases:

Adam Denson- Fire (Merit Increase and one-time payment of \$4,166.67, due to paramedic supplement not being added to his wages in August, 2018.)
Kathy Bourgeois- Mayor Office
Greg Flynn- IT
7. [Removed to General Business]
8. [Removed to General Business]
9. Order to approve and authorize the Construction Engineering & Inspection Services Contract by and between the City of Pearl and Pickering Firm, Inc., for the US 80 Traffic Signal Upgrades project.
10. Order to approve the Right of Way Instrument to Entergy Mississippi, LLC and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign the same.
11. Order to approve and authorize payment to Adcamp in the amount of \$5,221.16 for Asphalt for Presley Lane and Thomas Place.
12. Order to approve and authorize payment to Utility Services in the amount of \$7,501.95, for maintenance to 1,000,000 Fluted Column at Pete Walker Lane.
13. Order to adopt a Resolution Appointing Mississippi Municipal League 2020 Voting Delegates for the City of Pearl, MS. Said delegates to be: Voting Delegate: Jake

Windham, First Alternate: John McHenry.

14. Order to approve and authorize entering into a Professional Services Agreement by and between, the City of Pearl and Phelps Dunbar for representation in an employment matter.
15. Order to approve and authorize the Pearl Parks and Recreations Pearl Youth Fall Football and Cheerleading dates and fees.
16. Order to approve the military leave of Daniel Allen from June 6, 2020 to June 20, 2020.
17. Order to approve and authorize payment to Joe Goddard Enterprises, LLC for preventative maintenance on outdoor weather sirens in the amount of \$5,950.00.
18. Order to approve and authorize the Agreement to Supply Temporary Staffing by and between the City of Pearl and PeopleReady.
19. Order to approve and authorize Busby's Roll Off Service to demo Pearl City Park in the amount of \$22,000.00. (quotes obtained)
20. Order to approve and authorize the reinstating disconnection and late charges policy in the Utility/Water department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Clack, 207 Huckleberry Ln., Pearl, MS 39208, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the Eldorado Rd. turning lane project.

Tim Briley, 107 Summer Ridge Dr., Pearl, MS 39208, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the Eldorado Rd. turning lane project.

Charles Holmes, 120 Summer Ridge Dr., Pearl, MS 39208, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the Eldorado Rd. turning lane project.

Phil Combs, 590 Eldorado Rd., Pearl, MS 39208, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen about the Eldorado Rd. turning lane project.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Venerea Minchew Burt Estate, C/O Ricky Pearson and located at 310 Boehle St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08J000008 00100; PPIN No. 010049) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Thompson to continue this hearing until July 7, 2020. The following members of the Board of

**Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board:
Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson,
Alderman Luckett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.**

2. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Samuel Lee Lester Trustee and located at 504 Herman St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08N000005 00040; PPIN No. 011203) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Samuel Lee Lester, Trustee and other interested parties were served with notice of the public hearing as required by law.

Community Development Director, Brad Robertson, informed the Mayor and Board that the property was not properly maintained and the building was unsafe, the owner had failed to 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 this is on the accessory structure which is actually located at 504 Herman St., Pearl, MS 39208. Further, he stated that he believes the cost to renovate and restore the building to a livable condition is greater than fifty percent of the assessed value of the house.

Samuel Lee Lester, Trustee nor any other interested parties appeared.

WHEREAS, said hearing was held at the time and place mentioned aforesaid, therefore:
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 Samuel Lee Lester, Trustee and located at 504 Herman St., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08N000005 00040; PPIN No. 011203) 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 by obtaining the necessary permits and by performing significant progress within thirty (30) 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 cesspools 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.

This Motion was made by Alderman Gill and seconded by Alderman Thompson. 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 Sartor, and Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

3. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Julia Stewart Washington, et al., and located at 2709 Highway 468, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E07L000007 00000 ; PPIN No. 008118) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Motion was made by Alderman Sartor and seconded by Alderman McHenry to continue this hearing until July 7, 2020. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

4. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Birdie Bradley Estate and located at Highway 468, Parcel#E071-8, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E07L000008 00000 PPIN No. 008119) 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 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as Amended.

Motion was made by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Steverson to continue this hearing until July 7, 2020. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion, which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Thompson, Alderman Lockett, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Read aloud the bid award for engineering services for the Sanitary Sewer Project, CCTV/Smoke Testing.

The City Clerk announced that bids were received by Atakapa Services, Benchmark Engineering, EJES, Inc., Pickering Firm, Inc., Waggoner Engineering, WKG, Inc. The City Clerk announced that Benchmark Engineering received the highest total score and therefore the recommendation was to award the project to Benchmark Engineering.

Motion was made by Alderman Foy and seconded by Alderman Sartor to award the Sanitary Sewer Project, CCTV/Smoke testing to Benchmark Engineering. The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion: Alderman Lockett, Alderman Foy, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry and Alderman Gill.

2. Consider a Resolution authorizing the activation of the El Dorado Road turning lane Project.

Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Steverson to request and receive an engineering study with accurate cost estimate for the El Dorado Road turning lane project; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Foy, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Lockett and Alderman Gill.

3. Order to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the City of Pearl and to authorize Chief Scott to sign all related documents.

Alderman Thompson expressed concern with taking resources from the Police Department and the Criminal Investigation Division. Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Steverson to Amend the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the City of Pearl, to limit the hours of the officer assigned to the task force to 16 hours, or less, per week and to authorize Chief Scott to sign all related documents; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman

McHenry, Alderman Foy, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Luckett and Alderman Gill.

4. Order to approve the Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and to authorize Chief Scott to sign all related documents.

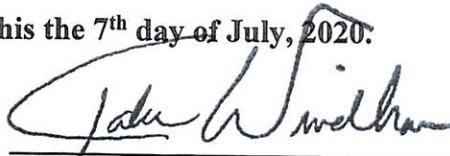
Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman McHenry approve the Cost Reimbursement Agreement for the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and to authorize Chief Scott to sign all related document; The following members of the Board of Aldermen voted in favor of the Motion which became the Orders of the Board: Alderman Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Foy, Alderman Sartor, Alderman Steverson, Alderman Luckett 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 in Honor of Virgil Broom.

Motion was made by Alderman Thompson and seconded by Alderman Gill approving an order to adjourn the meeting in Honor of Virgil Broom. 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 20th day of June, 2020.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 7th day of July, 2020:



JAKE WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:


CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN

