# 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 SEPTEMBER 1, 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 Thompson.

## **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, September 1, 2020 and Special Called Meeting, August 27, 2020.
- 2. Approval of the claims docket for the period of August 18, 2020 to September 1, 2020, in the amount of \$5,335,757.63, in paid claims \$108,188.19, in unpaid claims and \$587,410.08, 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.
- Approval of Applications: Christopher Boyette- Water Ted Johnson- Solid Waste

- 5. Approval of Merit Increases:
  Undra Jackson- PUBLIC WORKS
  Brian Ellis- POLICE
  Tommy Boswell- POLICE
  Joshua McPherson- POLICE
  Christopher Elliot- FIRE
  Karl Kolb- FIRE
  Samuel Granberry- FIRE
  Blake Chennault- FIRE
  Christa Billings- FIRE
  Allen Elliot- FIRE
- 6. Authorization to Travel: None
- 7. Order to approve the MOHS Safety Grant Agreement and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- 8. Order to approve and authorize payment to People Ready in the amount of \$58,990.58, for temporary employee labor.
- 9. Order to approve and authorize payment to Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC in the amount of \$353,421.59, for the Parks & Recreation Construction Project Softball & Baseball.
- 10. Order to approve and authorize payment to Clear River Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$59,145.80, for the Parks & Recreation Construction Project Phase II.
- 11. Order to set public hearing for October 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Martha Phebus and located at 107 Chicot Court, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08Q000002 00430; PPIN No. 011511) 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.
- 12. Order to set public hearing for October 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Jay P. Phebus and located at 113 Chicot Court, Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. E08Q000002 00420; PPIN No. 011511) 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.

- 13. Order to set public hearing for October 6, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Gina Hines and located at 209 South Foxhall Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F09B000001 00120; PPIN No. 015285) is in such a condition or state as to be unsightly and unkept or other wise a menace to the public health and safety of the community, and therefore, prohibit ed, 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.
- 14. Order to approve the Independent Contractor and Professional Services Agreement between the City of Pearl, Mississippi and Road-Pro Safety, Inc. and to authorize Mayor Windham to sign all related documents.
- 15. Order to adopt a Resolution finding that the debris and cut trees in the Pine Park and Country Place retention ponds, as surplus, the fair market value of said personal property is zero, and to approve and authorize the disposal of said personal property which may be disposed as deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the City of Pearl as required by law.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### PUBLIC HEARING

1. Determine whether or not that certain parcel of real property owned by Mary Alice Netherland and located at 251 North Foxhall Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F09F000012 00000; PPIN No. 016326) 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.

Mary Alice Netherland was served with notice of the public hearing as required by law.

Community Development Director, Brad Robertson, informed the Mayor and Board that the property owner had failed to keep 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. And that they need to enter the property to cut the grass.

Mary Alice Netherland did not appear at the hearing.

WHEREAS, said hearing was held at the time and place mentioned aforesaid, therefore: BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDER-MEN 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 owned by Mary Alice Netherland and located at 251 North Foxhall Rd., Pearl, Rankin County, Mississippi 39208 (Parcel No. F09F000012

00000; PPIN No. 016326)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 Steverson. 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 Thompson, Alderman McHenry, Alderman Luckett, Alderman Sartor and Alderman Gill.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

None.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Sartor and seconded by Alderman Gill approving an order to adjourn the meeting in Memory of Larry Pettus. The following members of the Board of Alderman 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 15th day of September, 2020.

JAKÉ WINDHAM, MAYOR

ATTEST AND CERTIFY:

CITY CLERK, KELLY SCOUTEN

