

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**May 11, 2020**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

|                       |                           |           |
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| <b>MAYOR</b>          | <b>CHUCK ESPY</b>         | <b>[]</b> |
| <b>COMMISSIONERS:</b> | <b>BO PLUNK</b>           | <b>[]</b> |
|                       | <b>KEN MURPHEY</b>        | <b>[]</b> |
|                       | <b>WILLIE TURNER, JR.</b> | <b>[]</b> |
|                       | <b>EDWARD SEALS</b>       | <b>[]</b> |

**DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:**

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| <b>CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK</b>           | <b>[]</b> |
| <b>POLICE CHIEF SANDRA WILLIAMS</b>     | <b>[]</b> |
| <b>FIRE CHIEF ROCKY NABORS</b>          | <b>[]</b> |
| <b>PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD JONES</b> | <b>[]</b> |
| <b>CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER</b>      | <b>[]</b> |

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.**

**Meeting was called to order by the Mayor from the Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

**City Clerk made the roll call: Mayor present in the Council Chamber and Commissioners were present via telephone conference along with the department heads**

**Mayor recessed the board meeting and the location was changed to the Gazebo located at the City Auditorium, 506 East Second Street;**

**Mayor re-convened the board meeting at the new location (506 East Second - Gazebo) at 4:10 p.m.**

**STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Espy**

**HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED APRIL 27, 2020, MAY 5, 2020 AND MAY 7, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2020, MAY 5, 2020, AND MAY 7, 2020 IN ITS PRESENT FORM;**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Plunk, seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the above minutes**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Department Head Comments:  
(2 minute time limit)

City Clerk - Supplying mask to the citizens of Clarksdale; FEMA - Easter Storm Damage  
Police -

Fire -

Public Works -

Personnel -

Grant Writer -

City Attorney -

**Commissioner's Comments:  
(5 minute time limit)**

**Ward 1 -**

**Ward 2 -**

**Ward 3 -**

**Ward 4 -**

**Mayor's Comments: -**

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

(Must have request to be on the agenda)  
5 minute time limit

## **GENERAL SESSION**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

C - O Bids - Professional Services - CDBG

**Motion made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the bid of Neel-Schaffer for the engineering services on the CDBG application that would create new drainage ditches for the Ritchie Street, Bloom Street and Sasse Street**

## **CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:**

Acknowledge Governors Executive Order 1480

Extends Safer at Home until Monday, May 25, 2020

Amends to allow salons, barber shops and other personal care to open contingent upon following the Governors guidelines

Amends to allow fitness and exercise gyms to open contingent upon following the Governors guidelines

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, to acknowledge the Governors Executive Order 1480**

Permission to pay Incidental Expense Account in the amount of \$1,746.40 reimbursement for the month of April, 2020

**Motion made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Plunk, to authorize the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account for the month of April**

Permission to pay April, 2020 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 275,579.47 in which \$ 164,650.70 is General Fund

**Motion made by Commissioner Plunk, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to authorize the City Clerk to pay the April Accounts Payable invoices**

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 187.50

**Motion made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to authorize the City Clerk to pay Park Commission \$187.50 for their miscellaneous claim**

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Millicent Dixon \$ 2,250.00

Chuck Espy \$ 253.00

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, to authorize the City Clerk to pay the above City miscellaneous claims**

Discussion of when to open City Auditorium

Auditorium is currently not available and the Board will evaluate every two weeks

**No motion required, just noted**

Discussion of Sky Cop Cameras

**Motion made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Plunk to re-advertise for 25 sky cop cameras for the City and financing**

Discussion of Walnut Street Walkway

**No motion required**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**PERSONNEL:**

## **GRANT WRITER:**

### **CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER**

Order extending the emergency declaration for the COVID-19 virus until May 26, 2020

**Motion made by Commissioner Plunk, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to extend the emergency declaration in the City of Clarksdale until May 26, 2020**

Authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance that would list a secondary location to meet in case of an emergency

**Motion made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance that would list a secondary location to meet in case of an emergency**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Go into Closed Session for discussion to determine whether to go into Executive Session

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals**

Return to open meeting to make the declaration of going into Executive Session

**Motion made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Plunk**

Go into Executive Session

**Motion made by Commissioner Plunk, seconded by Commissioner Murphey**

## **Personnel - Litigation**

**Motion made by Commissioner Plunk, seconded by Commissioner Murphey, to hire DeMarco Bailey as Corporal 1<sup>st</sup> Class in the Police Department**

**Motion made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to hire Melton Black as Corporal 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in the Police Department, contingent upon the Personnel Directors approval**

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, to offer employment to Tasha Tucker as Records Clerk in the Police Department**

**Motion made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Plunk, to approve disciplinary action to a probationary officer in the Police Department**

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, authorize the City Attorney to notify the insurance company of a law suit**

**Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Seals, to come out of executive session**

**Motion made by Commissioner Murphey, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to recess this meeting until Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Noon**

**Recess to May 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Recessed at 5:05 p.m.**

**[ ] THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS NEW OR OLD TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD THIS MEETING IS RECESSED.**