

BOARD AGENDA
July 13, 2020
4:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR	CHUCK ESPY	[]
COMMISSIONERS:	BO PLUNK	[]
	KEN MURPHEY	[]
	WILLIE TURNER, JR.	[]
	EDWARD SEALS	[]

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.

ROLL CALL

STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Seals

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED JUNE 22, 2020, AND JULY 9, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2020, AND JULY 9, 2020 IN ITS PRESENT FORM;

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Department Head Comments:
(2 minute time limit)

City Clerk -

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

William Moore - 517 Sixth Street

Filed a claim with the City insurance company concerning a tree that fell on his house; claim was denied since it was an "Act of God" and the City would not be liable; Mr. Moore is claiming that the City had prior knowledge of this tree being a problem

Krystal Earl - 404 Washington

Interested in sponsoring a Community Day for the children on July 25th; requesting to block part of Washington Avenue (from Hickory to Adams); she will provide facial mask and hand sanitizer

Milton Gardner - 527 Mississippi

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 597.40

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to reimburse Park Commission in the amount of \$597.40

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Millicent Dixon	\$ 3,375.00
Chuck Espy (June)	\$ 602.49

Everlean Butts	\$ 250.00
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 4,977.50
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 38,030.92
Landscape Services	\$ 1,113.36
Lillie Houston	\$ 2,250.00
Students Walton Found.	\$ 11,890.00

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to pay the above miscellaneous claims for the City

Permission to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the amount of \$895.03 reimbursement for the month of June, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to reimburse June incidental expense account

Permission to pay June, 2020 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 230,039.23 in which \$ 109,051.41 is General Fund

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to pay June Accounts Payables

Permission for the Mayor to execute the agreement for Power Source and Belinda Stewart that states that energy efficient lighting was installed at the MAP building, a building owned by the City

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement for Power Source and Belinda Stewart

Permission for the Mayor to execute the close out documents for the MAP CDBG grant

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that authorizes the Mayor to execute a letter to Mississippi Development Authority and the close out documents for the CDBG grant on the MAP Project

Permission for the Mayor and the Department Heads to execute the Mississippi Office of Surplus Property Agreement that would allow the Mayor and Department Heads to purchase items from the Office of Surplus

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk that authorizes the Mayor and Department Heads to execute the Mississippi Office of Surplus Property Agreement

Approve the lowest quotation of State Systems in the amount of \$ 25,491.47 to install a fire alarm system in City Hall

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept the quotation of State Systems for the fire alarm system in City Hall

Acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1500 which extended the safe return to work order until July 6, 2020; importantly it also covers the opening of concession stands that are outdoors with regulations;

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1500

Acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1505 which extends the safe return to work order until July 20, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1505

Discussion of Discount Tire, owned by Farouk Alawd, located at 37 East Second Street

Matter carried over to Executive Session

Discussion of overgrown grass on the railroad property managed by Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, LLC, CEO Robert J. Riley

Matter carried over to Executive Session

Board Appointments

Clarksdale Housing Authority

Daniel Myles

Expires 07-30-2020

Ward 3

No Action

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Permission to administer the entry level testing

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the Police Department to administer the entry level testing in the Police Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Permission to administer the entry level testing

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize the Fire Department to administer the entry level testing in the Fire Department

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

Approve of the eighth order to extend the emergency declaration for the City of Clarksdale

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the eighth order that would extend the emergency declaration in the City of Clarksdale

Waiver Linda Chapman - 512 Leflore

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the waiver signed by Linda Chapman that would authorize the Public Works Department to clean 512 Leflore

COVID-19 Federal Leave Policy

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the Federal Leave Policy relative to COVID-19, which allows an employee to take up to 80 hours of leave within a two-week period without using their MML or APL for the purpose of testing for COVID-19 if the employee has symptoms or after being quarantined by a physician; it is a one-time use once exhausted then no more is allowed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals

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

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner

Go into Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals

Personnel - Department Head Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to re-appoint the following:

Police Chief - Sandra Williams

Fire Chief - Rocky Nabors

City Attorney - Melvin Miller

Judge - Derek Hopson

Judge Pro Tempore - Carlos Moore

City Prosecutor - Bill Gresham

Police Department - Medical

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that the following have been out on medical leave

Kenny Harris - Latravione Mitchell - Clifton Thomas - William Leavy

L J Peters - Myette Dawson - Kendrick Walker

Public Works - Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the resignation of Alex Carver, Tree Trimmer in the Public Works Department

Fire Department - Permission to post for Training Officer

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that authorizes the Personnel Director to post for Training Officer in the Fire Department

Fire Department - New Hire

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to hire Cornelius Chapman as Firefighter in the Fire Department

Legal Issues

Discussed law suit filed by Bruce Ellis - no action

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the City Attorney to make a settlement offer to MDEQ

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the City Attorney to set a hearing for Discount Tires regarding the state of their property

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the City Attorney to set a hearing for Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, LLC regarding the overgrown grass near the railroad tracks

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to come out of executive session

Recess to July 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to recess to Thursday July 23rd

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

Recessed at 5:49