

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**August 10, 2020**  
**4:00 P.M.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<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:**

<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.**

**ROLL CALL**

**STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Plunk**

**HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED JULY 27, 2020 AND AUGUST 6, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2020 AND AUGUST 6, 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

**GENERAL SESSION**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:**

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 570.82

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the City Clerk to issue a warrant to the Park Commission**

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Lillie Houston	\$ 2,250.00
Students - Walton	\$ 10,440.00
Millicent Dixon	\$ 2,250.00
Chuck Espy ( July)	\$ 264.50
General Fund	\$ 141,419.39
MS Development Auth	\$ 10,826.77
MS Development Auth	\$ 1,858.09
The Links	\$ 625.00
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 10,758.75
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 3,450.00
Amanda Dear Jones	\$ 1000.00

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the City Clerk to issue warrants for the above mentioned invoices**

Acknowledge the Order requesting a tax levy from the Clarksdale Municipal School District

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the Order from the Clarksdale Municipal School District requesting a tax levy for the School District Maintenance, 3 Mill School Note and the Bond Issue Loan**

Authorization for the City Clerk to prepare a Release of Lis Pendens on property located at 117 Nineteenth Street since the invoice has been paid; further authorize City Clerk to have said Release recorded at the Chancery Clerks Office

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the City Clerk to prepare a Release of Lis Pendens on that property located at 117 Nineteenth Street and to have same recorded at the Coahoma County Chancery Clerk's Office**

Permission for the Mayor to execute the CAP Loan Agreement for the improvements at MAP

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the Mayor to execute the CAP Loan Agreement with the State of Mississippi for the improvements to the MAP building**

Acknowledge the CPI increase from Republic for garbage services in the City of Clarksdale

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby acknowledge the CPI increase by Republic for garbage services in the City of Clarksdale**

Permission to set budget hearing for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to set the budget hearing for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15**

Acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1516

Mandates statewide mask with exceptions by practical situations such as swimming, exercising at gyms, organized athletic training at schools, including weight training, dental procedures, eating and drinking until August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1516**

Acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1517

Mandates masks on school campuses indefinitely and delaying the academic school year for all public schools for grades 7 through 12 in Coahoma County until August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby acknowledge the Governor's Executive Order 1517**

Permission to extend the City's emergency orders to expire on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> Order)

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby approves the City's emergency orders to expire on Monday, August 24th**

Acknowledge MSDH new COVID-19 Isolation Order as of August 4, 2020

Persons infected with COVID-19 and not hospitalized, must remain in the home or other appropriate residential location for 14 days from onset of illness (or from the date of a positive test for those who are asymptomatic)

You may return to work 10 days from the day your symptoms started (or from the day you were tested if you had no symptoms) and you have been fever free for at least 24 hours and you have no other symptoms.

Failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is, at a minimum, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 or imprisonment for six months or both (41-3-59). If a life-threatening disease is involved, failure or refusal to obey the lawful order of a health officer is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to five years or both(41-3-2).

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the MSDA New COVID-19 Isolation Orders as of August 4th**

Permission to enter into an agreement with Lamar Williams for hauling dirt and leveling property at the completion of demolition on 35 properties at \$15,000

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the Board of Mayor and Commissioners hereby enter into an agreement with Lamar Williams for hauling dirt and leveling the property at the completion of a demolition on 35 properties at an amount not to exceed \$15,000**

Request from Earney Gilbert to make payments on his cleanup invoice on that property located at 509 Pecan; he is requesting \$50 a month

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner approving the request of Earney Gilbert to make payments on his cleanup invoice at \$50 a month**

Authorization for the Mayor to execute three task orders on the Brownfield Grant  
Task Order 23 - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment - Simmons Property  
Task Order 24 - Develop Brownfield Resource Roadmap  
Task 1A - Grant Closeout

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Mayor to execute Task Order 23, Task Order 24 and Task 1A on the City's Brownfield grant**

Permission to obtain proposals for tree cutting services

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to obtain proposals for tree cutting services**

Permission to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the amount of \$1,329.01 reimbursement for the month of July, 2020

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the amount of \$1,329.01**

Permission to pay July, 2020 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$206,825.71 in which \$70,940.08 is General Fund

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the City Clerk to pay July 2020 Accounts Payables**

Permission to accept the medical, vision, dental and life insurance

Medical From \$491.53 to \$513.25

Dental            From \$ 21.00 to        \$ 15.72  
Vision            From \$ 9.49 to        \$ 7.51  
Life                From \$ 3.83 to        \$ 3.75

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the insurance proposals with Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical insurance; with Principal for Dental, Vision and Life Insurance**

Board Appointments

Planning Commission

Kinchen O'Keefe                      At Large                      Expires August 12, 2020                      Reappoint

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to reappoint Kinchen O'Keefe to the Planning Commission with his term to expire on August 12, 2024**

Rev L C Tyler, II                      Ward 3                      Expires August 12, 2020

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the appointment of Rev L C Tyler, II on the Planning Commission**

Library Board Accept the resignation of Alean Smith

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to accept the resignation of Alean Smith on the Library Board**

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to appoint Joyce Hill to the Library Board with her term to expire September 30, 2024**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Permission for Tasha Tucker to attend the Basic Communications Course in Oxford, Mississippi on August 24-28

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve for Tasha Tucker to attend the Basic Communications Course in Oxford, Mississippi on August 24-28**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Permission to enter a contract for individuals to cut grass

**Discussion was made by the Board and Commissioner Plunk will be reaching out to individuals for a price to cut grass on City own and State own properties**

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to waive the agenda to bring up setting hearings**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Public Works Department to set hearings on the following properties:**

<b>1817 Sixth Street</b>	<b>812 Grant (rear)</b>	<b>517 Ritchie</b>
<b>632 Page</b>	<b>527 Page</b>	<b>448 Page</b>
<b>461 Prince</b>	<b>119 Sixteenth Street</b>	<b>121 Sixteenth Street</b>

**1509 ½ Reubin Smith  
1132 Barnes  
120 Reuter  
522 Cherry**

**901 Lincoln  
111 Sixteenth Street  
319 Adams  
528 Cherry**

**926 Lincoln  
112 Seventeenth Street  
811 Popular  
411 Cherry**

### **PERSONNEL:**

Permission to enter into a contract for COVID 19 testing

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract between the City and the Womans Clinic for COVID-19 testing**

### **GRANT WRITER:**

Homeless Shelter appropriating funds in the amount of \$10,000

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the Board acknowledges the opening of a homeless shelter in Clarksdale; the Board further approves appropriating funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the non-profit organization that has allocated more than \$20,000 in funds for the shelter**

Authorization to apply for a Public Safety grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Police Department

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the grant writer is hereby authorized to apply for a Public Safety grant in the amount of \$10,000 (no match) for the Police Department**

Authorization to apply for a FEMA grant for reimbursement of overtime expenses in the Police Department

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that the grant writer is hereby authorized to apply for a FEMA grant for reimbursement of expenses in the City at large**

### **CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER**

### **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 Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk**

Go into Executive Session

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey**

**Personnel - Legal Issues**

**Police - Fire - Public Works Department - Medical Leave**

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the following employees are out on medical leave or have returned back to work from medical leave:**

**Police Department -**

**Mareisha James - Return  
Raymond Hill - Return  
Rhonda Walker - Return  
Vince Ramirez - Return  
Ashley Davis - Out  
Brandon Amerson - Out  
Fernando Harris - Out**

**Fire Department**

**Charles Lane - Return  
Marquon Lee - Return  
Jermaile Hill - Out**

**Public Works**

**Glen Dodd - Return  
David Walker - Return  
Larry Hughes - Out  
Craig Amerson - Out**

**Police Department - Status Changes**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals for the approval of the following status changes:**

**5 Year Increases -**

**Devail Anderson  
Titus Hawkins  
George Johnson  
Kenny Harris**

**1 Year Increases -**

**Jalyn Benson  
Jasmine Booker  
Larry Grimes**

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the Personnel Director to post for Dispatch position**

**Public Works - Status Changes**

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk for the approval of the following status changes:**

**Completion of Introductory Period**

**Walter McNeal  
Darion Wolfe  
Guy Golden**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to withdraw the offer of employment to Jalyn Tucker and John Mixon**

**City Clerk - Status Change**

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to transfer Lisa Liles from the Court Clerk's Office to the City Clerk's Office**

**Police Department - Resignation & Termination**

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to accept the resignation of Victor Randle**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the resignation of Latravione Mitchell**

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the termination of Kendrick Walker**

**Public Works Department - Status Change**

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the resignation of Donald Elliott**

**Personnel Issues - Police Department**

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the disciplinary action in the Police Department**

**Legal Issues**

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk to accept the donation of dirt; authorizing the Public Works Department to use the City dump truck to retrieve the dirt**

**Commissioner Murphey and Commissioner Plunk voted "Aye"**

**Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Seals and Mayor Espy voted "Nay"**

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to come out of executive session**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to rescind the vote made earlier to accept the medical insurance proposal of Blue Cross Blue Shield**

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to accept the proposal of United Healthcare for medical insurance**

**Recess to August 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to recess until August 20th**

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

**Recessed at 5:47 p.m.**