

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**September 28, 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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 IN ITS

**PRESENT FORM;**

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to waive the reading and adopt the minutes of September 14, 2020 and September 24, 2020 in its Present Form*

**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*

*Milton Gardner -*

*Work done on 6<sup>th</sup> Street off of Mississippi Ave to the Alley, Work done behind the gazebo on Sunflower, and requesting light poles to be put in Alley off of Delta and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.*

Deek Harp -

Deek Harmonica Block Party (Need Road Barricades at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunflower and the end of Delta and 3<sup>rd</sup>, (2) Porta Potties and would like to use 50 chairs on October 3, 2020.

*Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to allow Deek Harp to have Deek Harmonica Block Party and use Road Barricades to block off 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunflower and the end of Delta and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and allow the use of 2 Porta Potties and 50 Chairs*

Regina Hackett - 502 Pine Street

Tree needs cutting down that is blocking light pole and light that needs replacing with brighter light and would like another light pole put up on the street due to her house keeps getting broken into.

Would also like to express her concern involving Store and More hours.

Lara Brooks - 509 Paul Edwards

On Demolition list but is requesting permission to get permits to rehabilitate property.

*Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to allow property owner to get permits to rehabilitate property.*

Delores Curtis - 904 Sunflower

Complaint about demolition to her home after she had rehabilitated the property.

*Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to carryover matter until October 12, 2020*

Johnny Clark - 507 Grant

Update on progress

*Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to carryover matter until October 12, 2020 for Mr. Clark to show significant improvements*

## **GENERAL SESSION**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

C/O

517 Ritchie - Samuel Kemp EST

(Martha Griffin came to hearing and spoke on behalf of this property and it was voted on to be demolished)

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to suspend Demolition and allow 1 week for Mr. Griffin to pull permit, 3 months to show significant improvements and 6 months to complete.*

461 Prince - Carrie Stokes

Has to have a plan and time line

*Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals for Carrie Stokes to pull permit within 1 week, 3 months to show significant improvements and 6 months to complete project.*

812 Grant Place rear - Debra Jones

Has to have plan and time line

*Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Seals to Demolish Property*

1132 Barnes - Lennell Starks

David to check with Norman Starks concerning property

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to declare property a menace for purpose of grass*

**CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:**

Permission to make line item budget changes

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to allow City Clerk to make Line Item Budget Changes

Acknowledge Across the Board Salary Increases for fiscal year 2020-2021

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 4,485.60

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize City of Clarksdale Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Millicent Dixon	\$ 2,450.00
Travelers	\$ 3,306.50
Clarksdale Coahoma County Airport Board	\$ 2,291.00
Coahoma County Chamber of Commerce	\$ 4,166.67
Clarksdale Park Commission	\$ 11,166.67
Clarksdale Speech & Hearing	\$ 1,133.33
Clarksdale Housing Authority SLA Jones	\$ 1,250.00
Visa	\$ 2,990.77
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 2,222.50
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 15,663.75
JY Farms, LLC	\$ 12,800.00
Finn Law Firm, P.A.	\$ 300.00
JY Farms, LLC	\$ 7,500.00

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize City of Clarksdale Miscellaneous Claims

Permission for John Cummings to make monthly installments on cleanup for 128 Adams in the amount of \$449.37. (Total amount owed is \$1,797.49)

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize Mr. John Cummings to make monthly installments on Cleanup for 128 Adams*

### Board Appointments

#### Park Commission

Melide Gaddy                      At Large                      Expires September 8, 2020

*Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to Carryover Board Appointment for Park Commission*

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Accept lowest quote from Municipal Emergency Services for Fire Department Turnout gear and authorize the Fire Chief to purchase gear.

*Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to accept lowest quote and authorize the Fire Chief to purchase gear.*



**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Authorization to receive quotes for repairing and installing storm lines

*Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize Public Works Director to receive quotes for repairing and installing Storm Lines*

**PERSONNEL:**

**GRANT WRITER:**

Authorization to apply for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant from MDOT and issue an order of legal compliance.

*Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize Grant Writer to apply for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant from MDOT and issue and order of legal compliance.*

**CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey*

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

Legal Issues Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk

Police Department - Resignations Motion by Commissioner Murphey  
seconded by Commissioner Turner

Police Department - Withdraw Offer of Employment Motion by  
Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals

Police Department - Longevity Increase Motion by Commissioner Plunk  
seconded by Commissioner Murphey

Dispatch - Offer Employment Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by  
Commissioner Seals

City Clerk's Office - Retirement Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by  
Commissioner Murphey

Change Entity - Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by  
Commissioner Turner

## FYI

Community Forum October 12, 2020 at 5:30 at Civic Auditorium

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

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

*Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to recess until Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.*

