

BOARD AGENDA
October 12, 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 Craig Amerson	[]
CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER	[]

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.

ROLL CALL

STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Espy

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2020, AND OCTOBER 8, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020, AND OCTOBER 8, 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

Milton Gardner -

Request help from the State for the mentality ill and homeless.

Stan Street - Permission to block off E 2nd from Yazoo to Delta for Hambone Festival from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, October 30, 2020 and Saturday, October 31, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the closing of the above mentioned streets on October 30 and 31

Griot Arts Inc. - Requesting to block off 3rd street between Sunflower and Delta and Sunflower between 3rd and 2nd. This will mean blocking Sunflower to detour at Ground Zero after the railroad crossing for Fall Feast on Thursday, November 5, 2020 from 5:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the closing of the above mentioned streets on November 5th

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Park and Pray Parade will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at G. Hope M.B. Church

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the park and pray parade on October 25th

Northwest MS Regional Medical Center Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be held on October 31, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. beginning at Crumpton Field on Lee Drive

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the breast cancer drive for the hospital on October 31st

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Authorization for the City Clerk to attend the Election Training in Jackson, MS on December 9-11, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the City Clerk to attend the election training in Jackson, Mississippi on December 9-11

Authorize the City Clerk to implement mandatory upgrade to City Clerk’s Software

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the City Clerk to implement the mandatory upgrade to GEMS software (financial and payroll) and said motion authorizes the payment to Harris

Permission to pay Park Commission Miscellaneous Claims in the amount of \$ 405.05

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize the City Clerk to issue a warrant to the Park Commission in the amount of \$393.64

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Chuck Espy	\$ 437.76
Neel-Schaffer	\$14,026.78
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 780.00
Cornerstone Services	\$ 4,208.25

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the City Clerk to issue warrants to the above miscellaneous claims

Authorization to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the Amount of \$2,457.18 for the month of September, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the amount of \$2,457.18

Authorization to pay September, 2020 Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$303,244.31 In which \$156,319.32 is General Fund

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the City Clerk to issue warrants for the September Accounts Payables

Authorization for Elizabeth Polk to make payments of \$50.00 per month on her cleanup of 223 Alabama until paid in full. (Total amount owed \$2,150.97)

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing Elizabeth Polk to make monthly payments for the cleanup of 223 Alabama

Board Appointments

Park Commission

Melide Gaddy At Large Expired September 8, 2020

Public Utilities

James Hicks, Jr. At Large Expired October 1, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the appointment to the Park Commission and the Public Utilities Commission

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Authorization for Corporal Peters and Private Thomas to attend MS Training for Impaired Driving Enforcement on October 13-15, 2020, in Ridgeland, MS

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize Corporal Peters and Private Thomas to attend the MS Training for Impaired Driving Enforcement on October 13-15th

Permission for the Chief to attend a panel discussion at Tougaloo College on October 14th

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that approves the travel of Police Chief to attend a panel discussion at Tougaloo College on October 14th

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

Acknowledge the approved grant from Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$10,254.00; used for Police Department overtime; authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents relative to the acceptance of the grant

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge receipt of the grant from the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$10,254.00 for police department overtime; said motion authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents relative to the grant

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

Acknowledge the Governor's Mask Order

-Safe Recovery Order Expires November 11, 2020

-Strongly encourage wearing a mask while in public places; avoid large gatherings; maintain social distancing; practice good hygiene; stay at home if you feel sick

-Group gatherings when social distancing is not possible; indoor - no more than 20 people; outdoor - no more than 100 people

-Face coverings - every person shall wear a face covering while inside a school building or outdoors on school campus; exceptions provided

-Business guidelines

-Restaurants and Bars - ensure at least six feet of separation; limit parties to ten people per table; alcohol served only to customers that are seated; alcohol sold between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; self service buffet and food stations prohibited; cafeteria style is permitted (served

by a worker

- Reception Halls and Conference Centers - customers no greater than 50% of maximum seating capacity; food services are restricted to the limitations listed above
- Auditorium and Movie Theaters - limit ticket sales to 50%; social distancing six feet
- Close Contact and Personal Care Services - Salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, personal care, body art, tanning salons - employee wear mask, wash hands between customers; customer wear mask; social distancing six feet; customers screened

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge Governors Order 1525

Authorization to extend the City's emergency orders to expire on Monday, October 26, 2020 (13th Order)

Discussion to include paragraph six which states all citizens and visitors shall wear masks outside of their homes upon entering any business, restaurant or other gathering, whether inside or outside within the city limits of Clarksdale

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to extend the City's emergency order to expire on Monday, October 26th; said order will include that all citizens and visitors shall wear masks outside of their homes upon entering any business, restaurant or other gathering whether inside or outside with the city limits of Clarksdale

Acknowledge the 2020-2021 Amnesty Program for Court waiving the arrest warrant fees if court fines are paid in full, effective from October 15, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the amnesty program for Court waiving warrant fees and warrants if court fines are paid in full effective October 15th to April 30th

William Moore - Vehicle damaged by fallen tree authorize the Attorney to negotiate an amount not to exceed \$5,000

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize the City Clerk to issue a warrant in the amount of \$5,000 to William Moore for damages to his vehicle done by a tree on city right-of-way that was marked and on the City's tree cut list

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

Police Department - Offer employment

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to offer employment to Justice Scott and Willexia Hudson

Police Department - Retirement

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the retirement of Captain Ricky Bridges in the Police Department, effective December 31st

Sergeant Promotions

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the promotions to Sergeant in the Police Department, contingent upon the Chief and the Personnel Director verifying the scores of the exams

Fire Department - Offer of Employments

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to offer employment to Christian Stephany, Noah Andrews and Dajuan Watts

Public Works - Job Postings

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to post for part-time temporary litter control laborers

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to post for full time laborers

Legal Issues

Land Acquisition

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Attorney to negotiate land acquisitions

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Attorney to negotiate land acquisitions

Contract

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to enter into a contract with Lillie Houston to supervise the part-time temporary litter control laborers

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

5:30 Community Forum

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to recess until Thursday, October 22nd

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