

**BOARD AGENDA
November 23, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR	CHUCK ESPY	<input type="checkbox"/>
COMMISSIONERS:	BO PLUNK	<input type="checkbox"/>
	KEN MURPHEY	<input type="checkbox"/>
	WILLIE TURNER, JR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	EDWARD SEALS	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK	<input type="checkbox"/>
POLICE CHIEF SANDRA WILLIAMS Robbie Linley	<input type="checkbox"/>
FIRE CHIEF ROCKY NABORS	<input type="checkbox"/>
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD JONES	<input type="checkbox"/>
CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER	<input type="checkbox"/>

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.

ROLL CALL

STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Turner

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2020, AND NOVEMBER 19, 2020, THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020, AND NOVEMBER 19, 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 -

- Completion of flowerbeds on State Street and Madison
- Removed the grass on sidewalks on Issaquena and Delta Avenue
- Ready to paint the viaduct wall
- 2nd Street curbs need cleaning and painting
- Citizens proud of clean alley behind Mississippi

Motion by Commissioner Seals and seconded by Commissioner Turner to allow Mr. Gardner an additional two minutes to speak

Commissioners Plunk, Turner and Seals voted "Aye"

Commissioner Murphey voted "Nay"

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint James Hicks to the Clarksdale Public Utility Board

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to appoint James Hicks to the Clarksdale Utility Board

Swearing In:

James Hicks - Clarksdale Public Utility Board

Curtis Kemp - Clarksdale Park Commission

C-Spire - Terrell Knight

Cell Phone Service for the City of Clarksdale

A T & T - Alfred Allen

Cell Phone Service for the City of Clarksdale

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk to carry over the matter of selecting a cell phone service for the City of Clarksdale to allow the Board to do its due diligence and compare the services between A T & T and C-Spire

Commissioners Plunk and Murphey voted “Aye”

Commissioners Turner and Seals voted “Nay”

Mayor Espy voted “Nay”

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Turner to accept the proposal of A T & T for cell phone service for the City of Clarksdale

Commissioners Plunk and Murphey voted “Nay”

Commissioner Turner and Seals voted “Aye”

Mayor Espy voted “Aye”

OLD BUSINESS:

C - O Hearings:

901-903 Florida: Property owner obtained permission to obtain a new permit to convert property to a single family dwelling; permit expired 09-2019

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to declare 901-903 Florida no longer a menace

412 Ashton: June 2019 property owner requested permission to obtain permit and the Board agreed

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to declare 412 Ashton no longer a menace

316 Pecan Street: June 2019 property owner requested permission to obtain permit to renovate, the Board agreed

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to declare 316 Pecan Street a menace and authorize the Public Works Department to demolish

425 Lincoln: October 2019 property owner requested permission to obtain permit to renovate, the Board agreed

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to declare 425 Lincoln no longer a menace

523 Paul Edwards: August 2019 Board advised property owner they had to have a contractor in order to renovate

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to declare 523 Paul Edwards a menace and authorize the Public Works Department to demolish

1215 Brooks Street: July 2019 property owner requested permission to obtain permit to renovate, the Board agreed

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to declare 1215 Brooks Street a menace and authorize the Public Works Department to demolish

314 Alabama: Feb 2020 property owner requested permission to obtain permit to renovate, the Board agreed

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to declare 314 Alabama a menace and authorize the Public Works Department to demolish

111 Sixteenth Street: Sept 2019 property owner requested permission to demolish property himself

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to declare 111 Sixteenth Street no longer a menace

507 Grant:

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to declare 507 Grant a menace and authorize the Public Works Department to demolish

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Permission to make line item budget changes

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to make line item budget changes

Permission to accept the lowest quotation from American Parks Company in the amount of \$7,500.00 for playground equipment for the Riverton area;

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to amend the agenda to read accept the lowest quotation from Bliss Products in the amount of \$8,101.40 for playground equipment; it was determined that the quotation of American Parks Company did not include the mulch and the surrounding border

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the quotation of Bliss Products for playground equipment; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to make line item budget changes to cover the overage of the equipment

Permission to advertise for bids on the Pearson Street Levee project

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for bids on the Pearson Street Levee project

Permission to advertise for hearing on December 14th for the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Clarksdale

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to advertise for a public hearing on December 14th for the City of Clarksdale Comprehensive Plan

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Cornerstone Services	\$ 2,250.00
Salu & Salu	\$ 600.00
JEG Ministries	\$ 400.00
Jackson State University	\$ 250.00
Travelers	\$ 18,915.00
Lillie Houston	\$ 1,200.00

Visa

\$ 2,073.94

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Acknowledge Chapel Hill MB Church will be sponsoring a parade for their 113th year anniversary

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk acknowledging the Chapel Hill MB Church parade celebrating their 113th year anniversary

Acknowledge a drive by 87th birthday celebration for Alean Coburn Smith at 1827 Sunflower Ave

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner acknowledging a drive by 87th birthday celebration for Aleal Coburn Smith

Permission for the Police Chief to attend the 2021 Winter Conference in Ridgeland, Mississippi on January 12-14; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Police Chief to attend the 2021 Winter Conference in Ridgeland, Mississippi; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

Approval for the following CDBG requirements:

Section 3 Resolution

Section 3 Action Plan

Basic 504 Requirements

Fair Housing Resolution

MBE WBE Resolution

National Objective Resolution

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals approving the above CDBG requirements

Acknowledge that the City will have a public hearing on April 14th for CDBG Public Facilities grant

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals acknowledging a public hearing on December 14th for the CDBG Public Facilities grant

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk

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 Issues

City Clerk -

Permission to offer employment Accounts Payable Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to offer employment to Jessica McCullough as Accounts Payable Clerk in the City Clerks Office with her employment to begin after passing the pre-employment requirements

Public Works -

Status change

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the satisfactory completion of introductory period for Percy Dukes

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to hire the following students to the Litter Control program:

De’Kevius Greer

Deterrius Greer

LaDaiah Smiley

Eric Smiley

Adrianna Palmer

Police Department -

Status Changes

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk that the following personnel will receive an longevity increase

Brandon Amerson

Darrell Taylor

Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner that the following personnel are out on medical leave:

**Christopher Osborne - has returned back to work
Jasmine Booker
Martha Calloway-Grainger
Mareisha James
Ashley Davis
Darrell Taylor**

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that the following personnel have returned back to work

**Jaylan Benson
Norman Starks**

Hire Part time

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to hire George Sultani as part-time Patrol Officer

Post for Dispatcher

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the Personnel Director to post for a Dispatcher

Fire Department -
Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the resignation of Gentel Halsell in the Clarksdale Fire Department

Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge that Marquon Lee is out on medical leave

Legal Issues

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a waiver agreement for Delores Curtis

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the summons filed by Bruce and Willie Ellis

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

Motion by Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to waive the agenda to discuss the City emergency order

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the 16th Emergency Order

Recess to December 10, 2020 at Noon

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

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to recess the meeting until Thursday, December 10th

Meeting was recessed at 6:01 p.m.