BOARD AGENDA
December 14, 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  Vince Ramirez
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


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: -

Swearing In:

James Hicks - Clarksdale Public Utility Board
Curtis Kemp - Clarksdale Park Commission

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

(Must have request to be on the agenda)
5 minute time limit

Jon Levingston - Chamber of Commerce

David Huggins - Fiser Insurance Agency
Discussion of workers comp, liability (general & auto), law enforcement, equipment and public officials

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the report from David Huggins regarding the City’s insurance and accept the quotes presented

Milton Gardner -
-Has started painting the curbs side on corner of Delta, 2nd Street & Sunflower
-Do the homeless people need to report to Central Fire Station?
-Painting project on Leflore Avenue and State Street

Gregory Johnson - 4-Wheelers

Carol Harrison - 1215 Brooks Drive
Requesting an extension to get her family home fixed up to keep it from being torn down

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to allow Ms. Harrison a week to obtain a permit and six months to complete renovations to 1215 Brooks Drive

GENERAL SESSION
NEW BUSINESS:

Pearson Street update
City of Clarksdale has been working very hard to proceed with the bidding process for the Pearson Street flooding project; currently the City is ready to proceed with bidding, the following numbers is a status update of the Pearson Street proposal:
Initially in September 2019 the Engineers estimated the project to cost $1,700,000
February 2020 the estimation went down to $1,283,326
December 2020 the estimation is projected to be around $774,136 - The City proposes to perform in-kind service to this project which estimation could be around $432,975 and would reduce the out of pocket cost to $341,162

Sasse Street update
Completed site visit with Mississippi Development Authority to obtain a Community Development Block Grant; the City can expect to be notified of the grant status in early 2021

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the report from the City Clerk and the Grant Writer regarding the Pearson Street update and the Sasse Street update

The City continued with a public meeting at 5:30 to discuss the City’s Comprehensive Plan; said meeting was led by Mike Slaughter of Slaughter and Associates; comments were heard from the Board and from the audience on the following topics:
Job Opportunities
Housing
Education / Schools
Residential Development
Commercial Development
Industrial Development
Parks - Recreation - Open Spaces
Roads - Bridges - Drainage Improvements
Police Department
Fire Department
Public Meeting was closed and the regular Board Meeting continued

Motion by Commissioner Seals and seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the public hearing held for the Comprehensive Plan

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims
Cornerstone Services $ 3,375.00
Target Solutions $ 5,204.25
Travelers $ 22,655.00
Clarksdale Public Utilities $ 10,868.68
Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the City Clerk to issue warrants for the above miscellaneous claims

Authorization to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the Amount of $1,521.38 for the month of November 2020
Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the amount of $1,521.38 for the month of November

Authorization to pay November, 2020 Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of $252,779.98
In which $108,837.64 is General Fund
Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to pay November accounts payables

Authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with the Coahoma County Board of Supervisors approving the County to stripe streets within the City of Clarksdale with the City approving to pay half of the material invoices (cost of paint)
Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk approving the City to enter into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors to pay for half of the material to stripe the streets within the City of Clarksdale

Permission for the City Clerk to attend the IIMC meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 9-13, 2021
Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to attend the IIMC meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 9-13

Acknowledge increase final cost of Griffin Strategies Mailer of $1,000.00
Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the increase in the Griffin Strategies mailer which was now to include mailing fees

FYI - The City of Clarksdale’s Board of Mayor and Commissioners will hold a public meeting for the purpose of obtaining citizen input for the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The public meeting will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Clarksdale Civic Auditorium. All citizens, business owners and interested parties of the City of Clarksdale and the surrounding areas are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting for public input into the City’s Long-Range Comprehensive Plan for the City and the surrounding community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:
Permission to adopt the Maintenance Plan Resolution for the CDBG application
Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to adopt the maintenance Plan Resolution for the CDBG application

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

Approve the 17th Order extending the COVID-19 Emergency declaration
Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the 17th Order extending the COVID-19 Emergency declaration

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 Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

Go into Executive Session
Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner

Personnel Issues
Court Clerk - Longevity Increase
Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the longevity increase for Josephine Bruce

City Clerks Office - Withdraw offer of employment & permission to post
Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to withdraw the offer of employment to Jessica McCullough

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the Personnel Director to post for Accounts Payable Clerk

Police Department
Longevity Increase
Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the longevity increase to Orlando Bell

Use of Annual Leave
Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing Vince
Ramirez to use his major medical leave

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the completion of two years for William Leavy

Resignation / Termination

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge the termination of Tameka McDaniel

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge the resignation of Demarco Bailey

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the termination of Ashley Davis

Major Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge that Cynthia Joiner is out on medical leave

Public Works Department

Waste Collection - Longevity Increase

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the longevity increase to Tyrone Alexander

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the offer of employment to Terrance Holmes

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to transfer Christopher Wilson to the Waste Collection Department

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk that the following employees are out on medical leave or have returned to work from medical leave

Stephanie Davis - Mayors Office

Delarian Norsworth - Police Department (return)
Mareisha James - Police Department (return)
Darrell Taylor - Police Department (return)

Christopher Wilson - Public Works Department

Roslin Bradley - City Attorney’s Office (return)

Noah Andrews - Fire Department
Legal Issues

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals that the City Attorney is hereby authorized to work on a settlement for a claim against the City
Commissioner Plunk voted Nay

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

The City Clerk announced there would be no vettting on Thursday, December 24th

Adjourn until December 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to adjourn until Monday, December 28th; this meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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