

**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 <b>Vince Ramirez</b>	[]
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 NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AND DECEMBER 10, 2020. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AND DECEMBER 10, 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: -**

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

SouthGroup Clarksdale	\$1,909.00
Smith & Weiland	\$4,400.00
Mississippi Development Authority	\$1,858.09
City of Clarksdale General Fund	\$1,858.09
Amanda Dear (Oct, Nov)	\$2,000.00
Neel-Schaffer	\$1,167.50
Neel-Schaffer	\$1,072.50
Chuck Espy	\$ 207.00
Salu & Salu Law Firm	\$ 600.00

**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 17<sup>th</sup> Order extending the COVID-19 Emergency declaration

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 vetting on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Adjourn until December 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to adjourn until Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>; this meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

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