

BOARD AGENDA
January 11, 2021
4:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| 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:

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| CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| POLICE CHIEF SANDRA WILLIAMS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FIRE CHIEF ROCKY NABORS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TODD JONES | <input type="checkbox"/> Craig Amerson |
| 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 Plunk

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED DECEMBER 28, 2020 and JANUARY 7, 2021. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 28, 2020 AND JANUARY 7, 2021 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

Jon Levingston - Oliver Lockett
Presentation of an art district project in the downtown area

Chuck Rutledge -
Permission for the meter box located at the old swimming pool pump house to be placed on the City billing to light up the area for the art exhibits

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorize the City Clerk to issue a letter to Clarksdale Public Utilities to add the meter box located at the old swimming pool pump house to the City billing

Charles Meyers - Clarksdale Park Commission
- Damages to local parks
- Vicki Reardon Park

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to obtain quotes from the Park Commission to install equipment to deter vehicles from entering the parks in their vehicles

Lakethia Hill -
Discussion of the 100 Black Man March on February 7th

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk approving the 100 Black Man March on February 7th

Marsha Williams -
Community support for a newly nonprofit reading program

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Attorney to prepare a Resolution of support

Milton Gardner -

- Dead tree at 213 Pecan Street
- Storm Drain cover missing on Barnes Street and Seventh St
- Status of state and federal money for the mentally ill and homeless
- Burn down home off of Pecan blocking alley
- Sewer Drain repaired on Barnes Street and Sixth St

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Authorization to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the Amount of \$748.60 for the month of December, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account for the month of December, 2020

Authorization to pay December, 2020 Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$ 183,829.37 In which \$ 89,438.34 is General Fund

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to pay December 2020 Accounts Payables

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

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| Cornerstone Services | \$ 2,250.00 |
| FNB | \$ 1,240.00 |
| Chuck Espy (Dec) | \$ 230.00 |
| Amanda Dear Jones | \$ 1,000.00 |
| General Fund | \$ 1,858.09 |
| MDA | \$ 1,858.09 |
| Fiser Insurance | \$ 30,732.00 |

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for the above miscellaneous claims

Permission for the City Clerk to issue a warrant to Cable One in the amount of \$25,000 since the deposit for cable television is no longer needed

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to issue a warrant to Cable One in the amount of \$25,000 for refund of the security deposit

Permission for Corine Ellington to make payments on her cleanup bill for property located at 428 Bolivar

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner approving the request of Corine Ellington to make payments on her cleanup bill for property located at 428 Bolivar

Authorization for the City Clerk to change the reservations for the MML meeting from January to March 30-31; authorization for the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and Commissioners to attend
Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk change the reservations for the MML meeting from January to March; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to issue warrants for the hotel, registration and travel

Permission to adopt the 2021 Holiday Schedule

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk approving the 2021 holiday schedule

Permission to approve the 18th Emergency Order - COVID

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey approving the 18th Emergency Order due to COVID-19

Permission to renew the order setting the Board meeting place at the City Auditorium

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner renewing the order setting the Board meeting place at the City Auditorium

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

Approval for an additional COVID testing site for city employees

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals approving the mobile unit that will be doing a more accurate testing for COVID-19 for city employees

GRANT WRITER:

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 Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

Go into Executive Session

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner

Personnel Issues

Fire Department - Offer Employment

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to offer employment to Antonio Fair and Laterance Moore as Firefighters in the Clarksdale Fire Department

Fire Department - Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to accept the resignation of Jadarian Clark in the Clarksdale Fire Department

Fire Department - Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge that Perry Henry is out on medical leave

Police Department - New Hire

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Seals to hire Muriel Canada in the Police Department as a Dispatcher

Legal Issues

Agreements

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve a Resolution for tax exemption to Image Industries for their 2020 taxes (excluding school tax)

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

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to recess until January 21, 2021

Recess until January 21, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Recessed until January 21st at 5:03 p.m.

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