

BOARD AGENDA
January 25, 2021
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"/> Absent
	EDWARD SEALS	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEPARTMENT HEADS AND LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

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
Murphey
Charles Langford

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED JANUARY 11, 2021 and JANUARY 21, 2021. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2020 AND JANUARY 21, 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

Josh Troy - Clarksdale Press Register
Special Edition congratulating Elgton Jenkins of the Green Bay Packers

Milton Gardner -

- Painting city curbs
- Homeless People
- City Blight

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids:

- Junk Vehicles
- Permission to carry over

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to carry over the bids to allow the Clerk to review the bids and prepare a bid tabulation

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Permission to make line item budget changes

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City

Clerk to make line item budget changes

Approve the 19th Order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Seals approving the 19th Order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 43,676.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 4,210.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 599.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 46,647.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 5,102.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 452.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 12,776.00
Scott Equipment	\$ 3,588.81
Salu & Salu Law Firm	\$ 600.00
Salu & Salu Law Firm	\$ 600.00
Salu & Salu Law Firm	\$ 375.00
Buster Discount Trees	\$ 4,800.00
Travelers	\$ 3,655.00
Lillie Houston	\$ 1,200.00
Cornerstone	\$ 2,250.00
Walton Construction	\$ 8,501.25
Walton Construction	\$ 7,652.55
VISA	\$ 708.01

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk approving the above and foregoing miscellaneous claims

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Approve the amendment to the police policies to allow the Police Department to be in compliance with State and Federal Government to continue receiving federal funding

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the amendment to the police policies in the Police Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

Permission to accept the lowest quote from Cannon in the amount of \$7,176.48 for repairs to the City van;

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the lowest quotation from Cannon to repair the city van in the amount of \$7,176.48

Permission to advertise for grass cutting in the City

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to advertise for grass cutting in the City on city and state owned properties

PERSONNEL:

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 Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

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 Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey

Personnel Issues

Police Department - Salary Increase

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the salary of Clifton Thomas be increased to reflect the completion of two years

Police Department - Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk that the Board hereby accept the resignation of L J Peters

Fire Department - Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk to acknowledge that Perry Henry has returned from medical leave

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge that Pete Mazelin is out on medical leave

Fire Department - Salary Adjustments

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk that the salary of DeJuan Watts be adjusted to reflect his college degree, retroactive to November 18th

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey that the salary of Ronnie Williams be adjusted to reflect the completion of his one year, effective retroactive to December 19th

Public Works Department - Offer Employment Truck Driver

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Plunk that employment be offered to JaZarian Jackson as a Truck Driver in the Public Works Department

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

executive session

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to recess until 5:30 for the community forum

5:30 meeting was re-opened for the community forum

Comments were heard from the Mayor, Police Chief and Personnel Director regarding the four deaths over the past weekend. At this time Sherell Shorter of Aaron Henry Center did a presentation on Mental Health and COVID-19; she presented information on signs to look for; seasonal depression; and advice on how you could help yourself; comments were heard from the Board members

Recess until February 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to recess until Thursday, February 4th at noon

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

Board meeting recessed at 6:26 p.m.