

BOARD AGENDA
March 8, 2021
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	Lynn Logan	[]
POLICE CHIEF SANDRA WILLIAMS		[]
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 - Mayor Espy

HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2021, MARCH 1, 2021, AND MARCH 4, 2021. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021, MARCH 1, 2021 AND MARCH 4, 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

Milton Gardner

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids:

137 Bruce

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to carry over the bids for further review

Bids:

Pearson Street Project

Acknowledge bid opening Friday; motion to carry over

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the bid opening on Friday, March 5th and to carry over for further review

OLD BUSINESS:

C - O Bids:

Grass Cutting Service

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to carry over the bids of the grass cutting service

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Approve the 22nd Order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the 22nd order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Cornerstone	\$ 2,250.00
MDA	\$ 5,255.38
City of Clarksdale	\$ 1,858.09
MDA	\$ 1,858.09
Julia True	\$ 1,500.00
Watkins Ward and Stafford	\$ 16,417.25
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 3,767.50
Granicus	\$ 7,500.00
Chuck Espy	\$ 230.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 5,253.00
Amanda Dear Jones	\$ 2,000.00
Trina Buchanan	\$ 200.00
Walton Construction	\$ 11,416.96 (4 invoices)

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the City Clerk to issue warrants for the above miscellaneous claims

Approve proclamation of existence of a local emergency (winter weather storm)

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the proclamation of existence of a local emergency when the winter weather storm hit

Authorization for the Mayor to execute the Letter of Authorization for Advance Mosquito Control

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Mayor to execute the Letter of Authorization for Advance Mosquito Control

Authorization for the City Clerk to execute the Carrier Service Agreement for City Hall air conditioning services

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to execute the Carrier Service Agreement for City Hall air conditioning services

Acknowledge the Juke Joint on Saturday, April 17th; authorization for the City Clerk to issue a warrant in the amount of \$2,000.00 for promotions

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the Juke Joint Festival will be held on Saturday, April 17th; said motion further authorizes the City Clerk to issue a warrant in the amount of \$2,000 for promotions

Acknowledge the Crossroads Production audit for FY 09-30-2019; the Mississippi Delta Energy Agency audit for FY 09-30-2019; the Clarksdale Public Utilities audit for FY 09-30-2019

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner acknowledging the Crossroads Production audit for FY 09-30-2019; acknowledging the Mississippi Delta Energy Agency audit for FY 09-30-2019; acknowledging the Clarksdale Public Utilities audit for FY 09-30-2019

Acknowledge the City of Clarksdale audit for FY 09-30-2019

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals acknowledging the City of Clarksdale audit for FY 09-30-2019

Discussion of the Local and Private Legislature for a Resort Area for downtown.

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Attorney to prepare Local and Private Legislation for a resort area in the downtown area

Acknowledge on extending contract for Lillie Houston and the young adults to May 31, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to extend Lillie Houston's contract and continue to employ the young adults to May 31st

Authorization to reimburse Incidental Expense Account in the Amount of \$846.89 for the month of February, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to reimburse Incidental Expense Account for the month of February, 2021

Authorization to pay February, 2021 Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$182,356.75 in which \$74,399.35 is General Fund

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to pay February, 2021 Accounts payables

Board Appointments

School Board

Sherley Fields Expired 03-01-2021 Ward 4

Carry Over

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the appointment of Sherley Fields to the School Board

Planning Commission

Joseph Richardson Resigned 02-08-2021 At Large

Carry Over

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the appointment of Joseph Richardson to the Planning Commission

Quality of Life

Rosalyn Griffin Expires 03-19-2021 At Large

Carry Over

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to carry over the appointment of Rosalyn Griffin to the Quality of Life Commission

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

Governor Executive Order 1549 - releases the mask mandate and the only rule that remains in place is the capacity limit of 50% on indoor arenas and those that govern K-12 schools; it allows each municipality to establish their own rules about the masks

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the Governor's Executive Order 1549

Discussion about the purchase of three new sky cop cameras

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Police Department to purchase three (3) SkyCop cameras in the amount of \$18,000 as a single-source item (pursuant to Miss Code Ann § 31-7-13(m)(viii)) from Systems Technologies, Inc., and further delegates the Mayor to authorize the purchase in writing according to the law on behalf of the Board

Permission to enter into a contract with Earl Walker for training in the Second Chance Program

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to enter into a contract with Earl Walker for training in the Second Chance Program at an amount not to exceed \$3,750.00

Permission for the program Director of the Second Chance Program to purchase material for the second chance training program in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 from MCEF

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the Program Director of the Second Chance Program to purchase material for the second chance training program in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 from MCEF

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissiont Turner to waive the agenda to discuss the CDBG grant

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Mayor to execute the CDBG grant in the amount of \$593,932.69 with Mississippi Development Authority for funds to rehabilitate the storm drainage issues in the Sasse Street area

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 - Personnel Matter

**Motion by Commission Turner seconded by Commissioner Plunk acknowledging that three Fire personnel will be suspended
Commissioner Murphey voted “Nay”**

Police Department - Medical Leave

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to acknowledge that Jaylan Benson, Patrol Officer in the Police Department has returned back to work

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

Recess until March 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Murphey to recess

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

Board meeting was recessed at 5:44 p.m.