

BOARD AGENDA
April 12, 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	[]
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 - Commissioner Murphey

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

Appoint Shirley Hicks to the Clarksdale Public Utilities Board

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to appoint Shirley Hicks to the Clarksdale Public Utilities Board

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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

Marsella Williams - 1536 Lee Drive

Frequent traveling by 18 wheeler trucks carrying loads causes vibration to her house; they believe that this has contributed to the destruction of her foundation; requesting that her street be posted as "No 18 wheelers"

Ms. Perkins

Autism Awareness Month

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to recognize the month of April as Autism Awareness Month

Dallas Herbert

Aerus Electrolux

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to waive the agenda to hear a complaint about a city manhole

No action was taken at this time

GENERAL SESSION

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Dixon - North Delta Planning and Development

Permission to approve Proclamation declaring month of April as "Fair Housing Month"

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve a Proclamation declaring month of April as “Fair Housing Month”

Permission to approve the “Fair Housing Resolution”

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the Fair Housing Resolution

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:

Approve the 24th Order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the 24th Order extending the emergency declaration for COVID

Permission to pay Miscellaneous Claims

Cornerstone	\$ 3,375.00
City of Clarksdale	\$ 1,858.09
MS Dev Authority	\$ 1,858.09
MS Public Entity Workers	\$ 9,297.00
Amanda Dear Jones	\$ 1,000.00
Coahoma County Road	\$ 627.00
Chuck Espy	\$ 257.60
Walton Construction	\$ 24,469.63
Walton Construction	\$ 1,050.00
John Givins	\$ 400.00

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the above miscellaneous claims

Permission to pay election officials for the 1st Primary (poll workers and Resolution Board)

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants to the poll workers and the Resolution Board that worked during the 1st Primary

Approve the officers and civilians that are sworn as Deputy Court Clerks to take affidavits

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the officers and civilians that are sworn as Deputy Court Clerks to take affidavits

Approve all unmarked vehicles in the Police Department

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve all unmarked vehicles in the Police Department

Authorization for the City Clerk to prepare a Release of Lis Pendens for 318 N Circle since the invoice has been paid

Permission for the Chief, Asst Chief Linley and Asst Chief Ramirez to attend the MS Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 15-18, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the Chief, Asst Chief Linley and Asst Chief Ramirez to attend the MS Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 15-18, 2021; further authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals

Permission for Dispatcher Joiner to attend a Terminal Agency Coordinator class in Pearl, MS on May 10-14, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing Dispatcher Joiner to attend a Terminal Agency Coordinator class in Pearl, MS on May 10-14, 2021; further authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals

Permission for Dispatcher Muriel Canada to attend the Basic Communications Course in Batesville, MS on April 19-23, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel and meals

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing Dispatcher Muriel Canada to attend the Basic Communications Course in Batesville, MS on April 19-23, 2021; further authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration , hotel and meals

Permission for Sergeant Raymond Hill and Investigator George Johnson to be sworn under oath for Deputy Municipal Court Clerk for affidavits

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey authorizing the City Clerk to swear Sergeant Raymond Hill and Investigator George Johnson as Deputy Municipal Court Clerk for affidavits

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Acknowledge receipt of the firetruck and authorize the City Clerk to enter into a lease purchase agreement for the firetruck with Pierce Financial Solutions; annual payments 15 years \$50,270.22 a year at 3.50% interest

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge receipt of the new firetruck and authorize the City Clerk to proceed with the lease purchase agreement for the firetruck with pierce Financial Solutions

PUBLIC WORKS:

Permission for Craig Amerson to attend the solid Waste Management and Recycling Conference in Biloxi, MS on May 25-27, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing Craig Amerson to attend the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Conference in Biloxi, MS on May 25-27, 2021; further authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for reservations, hotel and meals

Permission to set hearings:

425 Lynn Street
503 School Street
523 Catalpa Street
524 Maple Avenue
434 Lincoln Street
2205 Seventh Street

524 Lynn Street
729 School Street
526 Cherry Street
438 Pecan Street
1706 Evans Street
1606 Reno Street

1313 Melrose Cove
217 Catalpa Street
1404 MLK Blvd
615 Pecan Street
1758 Evans Street
1610 Reno Street

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the Public Works Department to set hearings on the above properties

PERSONNEL:

GRANT WRITER:

CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Go into Closed Session for discussion to determine whether to go into Executive Session

Return to open meeting to make the declaration of going into Executive Session

Go into Executive Session

Personnel Issues - Legal

Personnel

Police Department

Resignation

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the resignation of Fernando Harris in the Police Department

Medical

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve Clifton Thomas to work light duty in the Police Department

Offer employment (2)

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to offer part-time employment to Richard Bridges in the Police Department

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to offer part-time employment to Gary Smith in the Police Department

Fire Department

Resignations

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the resignation of Christian Stephney in the Fire Department

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the resignation of Cornelius Chapman in the Fire Department

Public Works Department
Offer employment (2)

Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk to offer employment to Tony Young, Jr. as part-time student in Litter Control

Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to offer employment to Moore Connel as part-time student in Litter Control

Legal

Acknowledge complaint

Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the complaint filed by A'Merria Allen against the Clarksdale Municipal School District; authorize the City Attorney to forward said complaint to the insurance carrier

Settlement Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the Mayor to execute the settlement for long term violations with Department of Environmental Quality with a plan for the City to continue the clean up that was started by this administration

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

Recess until Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to recess until April 22nd

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