

**BOARD AGENDA**  
**April 26, 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 <b>Craig Amerson</b>	[ ]
CITY ATTORNEY MELVIN MILLER	[ ]

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR ESPY.**

**ROLL CALL**

**STAND FOR PRAYER AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Turner**

**HAVING PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE BOARD MEETING DATED APRIL 12, 2021 AND APRIL 22, 2021. THE BOARD HEREBY WAIVES THE READING AND ADOPTS THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2021 AND APRIL 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 -

Reminder Mississippi Ethics Commission - Statement of Economic Interest is due by May 1st

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

**GENERAL SESSION**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Frederick McDale - 713 Leflore Avenue

Discuss the pallets and other debris outside of Mr. Howards recycling business on the corner of East Tallatchie and Seventh Street

Milton Gardner - 226 Yazoo Avenue

-Installation of a handicap ramp at 209 Third Street (in front of Willow Botanical and Joyas Boutique)

-Installation of a handicap ramp in front of the House of Pancakes

-Installation of a handicap ramp in front of Stone Pony 226 Delta Avenue

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CITY CLERK CATHY CLARK:**

Permission to advertise for junk vehicles

**Motion by Commissioner Plunk seconded by Commissioner Murphey to advertise for junk vehicles**

Permission for the Mayor to execute a Resolution for the lease financing of the new firetruck

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner to authorize the Mayor to execute a Resolution for the lease financing of the new firetruck**

Discussion of auctioning bicycles in the Police Department

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the Police Department to compose a list of bicycles to be posted in three places for the intent of auctioning them off**

Permission for the Mayor, Commissioners, City Clerk, City Attorney and Grant Writer to attend the MML Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi on July 26-28, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel, and meals

**Motion by Commissioner Seals seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the Mayor, Commissioners, City Clerk, City Attorney and Grant Writer to attend the MML conference in Biloxi, Mississippi on July 26-28; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for registration, hotel reservations and meals**

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**

Permission for the Mayor to execute the following items regarding the two EWP(Emergency Watershed Protection) projects from NRCS that are now federally funded. The two sites are the Riverside Dr area and the west end of Elm St

- Certification regarding lobbying
- Assurances - Construction Programs
- Application for federal assistance SF-424 - Riverside
- Application for federal assistance SF-424 - Elm Street - West end

**Motion by Commissioner Murphey seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the Mayor to execute the above mentioned items for the Emergency Watershed Protection funding for the Riverside area and the west end of Elm Street**

Permission to accept the quotation of Aerus Electrolux for 11 air purification systems

**Motion by Commissioner Turner seconded by Commissioner Seals to accept the quotation of Aerus Electrolux for 14 air purification systems under the COVID Relief funding**

Permission to pay the following miscellaneous claims:

Cornerstone	\$ 2,250.00
Fiser Insurance Agency	\$ 24,066.00
Aerus Electrolux	\$ 4,999.98
Neel-Schaffer	\$ 2,365.00
GO Bonds Series 2019	\$ 50,476.40
Interest and Bond Fund	\$ 132,347.00

**seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the City Clerk to issue warrants for the above mentioned miscellaneous claims**

ling the emergency declaration for COVID

**y seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the 25<sup>th</sup> order extending the emergency declaration for COVID**

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nd Street; authorization to set notice of hearing

**seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing the City Attorney to set a hearing for Discount Tires located at 37 East Second Street**

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Department from Quapaw Canoe Company in the amount of \$ 663.00

**seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the donation from Quapaw Canoe Company to the Police Department in an amount of \$663.00**

ecute the repair work order to fix the elevator in City Hall; authorization for the City Clerk to issue a warrant to TK Elevator 50% of the repair cost in an amount of \$1,237.22

**seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the City Clerk to execute the repair work order to fix the elevator in City Hall; authorization for the City Clerk to issue a warrant in the amount of \$1,237.22 (down payment for repairs) to TK Elevator**

Resigned 02-08-2021

At Large

Bobo

Ward 2

**seconded by Commissioner Seals acknowledging the resignation of Jack Bobo and appointing Chris Coleman to the Library Board**

Jones

Ward 2

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nd the MACE Educational Conference in D'Iberbille, MS on August 11-13, 2021; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals

**seconded by Commissioner Seals authorizing David Walker to attend the MACE Education Conference in D'Iverville, Mississippi on August 11-13th; authorization for the City Clerk to issue warrants for the registration, hotel and meals**

602 Mississippi  
524 Maple  
615 Sixth Street

507 Mississippi  
218 Elm

226 Maple  
232 Washington

**Seconded by Commissioner Plunk authorizing the Public Works Department to set hearings for the above mentioned properties**

Associates to address the City's IT needs

**Seconded by Commissioner Murphey to secure an agreement with Pittman and Associates to address the City's IT needs**

for new hires in the Clarksdale Fire Department

**Seconded by Commissioner Turner to begin the testing process for new hires in the Clarksdale Fire Department**

**CLERK**

**Seconded by Commissioner Seals to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for the rezoning of a 49 acre site fronting Friars Point Road and Ritch Street from a R-12, Residential to a Floodplain Overlay District**

to determine whether to go into Executive Session

**Seconded by Commissioner Plunk**

Declaration of going into Executive Session

**Seconded by Commissioner Murphey**

**Seconded by Commissioner Murphey**

**Purchase**

Offer Employment

**Seconded by Commissioner Seals to offer employment to Mercedes Moore in the City Clerks Office**

Longevity Increases

seconded by Commissioner Turner to approve the longevity increase to Andrew Bankhead

seconded by Commissioner Seals to approve the longevity increase to Delarian Norsworthy

Personnel Matters

seconded by Commissioner Plunk acknowledging the disciplinary action to an employee in the Police Department

seconded by Commissioner Murphey acknowledging the disciplinary action to an employee in the Police Department

Longevity Increases

seconded by Commissioner Plunk to approve the longevity increase to Melvin Stevenson

seconded by Commissioner Murphey to approve the longevity increase to Vondrell Warren

Medical

seconded by Commissioner Turner to allow Ronnie Williams to report back to work on light duty

Resignation

seconded by Commissioner Seals to acknowledge the resignation of Harry Brown

Withdraw Offer of Employment

seconded by Commissioner Plunk to withdraw the Offer of Employment to Leroy Jenkins

seconded by Commissioner Murphey to authorize the Personnel Director to post for Truck Driver

seconded by Commissioner Turner to acknowledge the dismissal of the Derome Bobo v City law suit

seconded by Commissioner Turner authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement between the City and Eugene Booth and authorizing the City Clerk to issue a warrant

seconded by Commissioner Seals acknowledging the report of the City Attorney regarding an additional property the City is looking at

seconded by Commissioner Plunk to come out of executive session

held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30

at 12:00 p.m.

ended by Commissioner Murphey to recess until May 6th

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