

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in regular session at the Leo Seal Community Center at 527 Highway 90, Waveland on May 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., to take action on matters of city business.

Present at the meeting Aldermen Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza.

Also present was Attorney Zach Butterworth and Acting City Clerk Maureen Bordelon.

Not present at the meeting was Mayor John Thomas Longo

**Court Reporter Transcribed Minutes Exhibit A**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Re: Mayor reminded everyone of the upcoming Graduation at Bay High School and introduced Mr. Tommy Walman with the Mississippi Development Authority**

See Exhibit A

**LIGHTHOUSE HARBOR//MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Re: Mississippi Development Authority request to move forward with Lighthouse, Harbor and Boat Launch Project**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to move forward with planning for Phase I of the Lighthouse, Harbor and Boat Launch Project.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS**

**Re: Alderman Stahler discussed the possibility of the Little Theater using the Civic Center for a play venue and expressed her joy at the sidewalk projects moving along**

**Re: Alderman Geoffrey asked about the progress of signs.**

**Re: Alderman Schmitt asked about moving the meetings to the Civic Center**

**MINUTES (EXHIBIT A)**

**Re: Special Meeting of May 4, 2009 and the Meeting of May 5, 2009**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 4, 2009 and the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2009, and to include the transcript of the Court Reporter, as presented by the City Clerk.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza (yes for May 5, 2009)

Abstain: Piazza (May 4, 2009)

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**RSVP (EXHIBIT B)**

**Re: Claims**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Schmitt to approve the RSVP Claims.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

#### **REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

##### **Re: The month of April 2009**

Spread on the minutes that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen were given a Report of Revenues and Expenditures for the month of April 2009, at this the second meeting of May 2009.

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

##### **Re: Red Cross opening an office in Hancock County**

Ms. Melissa Dearman with the American Red Cross came before to officially inform the Board of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of the Red Cross opening an office in Hancock County, and their intentions regarding preparedness for disasters.

#### **PROCLAMATION (EXHIBIT C)**

##### **Re: Recognizing May 24-30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as national Hurricane Preparedness Week**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve a proclamation recognizing the week of May 24-30, 2009 as National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

##### **Re: Schedule for Outreach programs for National Hurricane Preparedness**

Spread on the minutes the National Weather Service – National Hurricane Preparedness Week's schedules for Outreach Programs that will be conducted at area businesses.

#### **RSVP/FOUNDATION BOARD/CIVIC CENTER**

##### **Re: Recognizing members of the newly formed Foundation Board for the Civic Center**

Motion to approve the following as recognized members of the newly formed *Foundation Board* whom shall represent the Civic Center, and the business issues related to the said Center and it's establishment of policies and procedures in accordance with the law:

- a. Kathy Pinn
- b. Mary Perkins
- c. Dr. Bill Bradford
- d. Mary Turcotte
- e. Kelyn Breland
- f. Joann Lagasse

**Motion died for lack of action.**

**RSVP/FOUNDATION BOARD/CIVIC CENTER**

**Re: Naming the Foundation Board for the Waveland Civic Center a 501(c) 3**

Alderman Stahler moved, motion never seconded to table approving the newly formed *Foundation* members to set up a 501 (c) (3) that shall operate under the umbrella of the Hancock Community Development Foundation, a division of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

**RSVP**

**Re: Designation of all remaining funds related to the Waveland Civic Center Project to the purchase of equipment for the Facility.**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to table approving a request from the Hancock County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program to designate all remaining funds related to the Waveland Civic Center Project to the purchase of equipment for the Facility.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**GARFIELD LADNER MEMORIAL PIER/PUBLIC WORKS**

**Re: Setting Pier Fees**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to set rates for the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier as \$25.00 per family per year and \$1.00 for a 24 hour pass.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE/CITY HALL (EXHIBIT D)**

**Re: Set voting delegates for the 2009 MML Elections**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve naming the following as voting delegates for the 2009 MML election to be held at the Annual Convention on July 13 -16, 2009.

- a. Delegates -Mayor Longo
- b. Alternate - Alderman Stahler
- c. Alternate - City Clerk Maureen Bordelon

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/PLANNING AND ZONING**

**Re: The Board of Mayor and Aldermen have received the draft of the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Guidelines.**

Spread on the minutes the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have received the draft Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations and Guidelines from Slaughter and Associates, and request that Planning and Zoning Commission review these documents, schedule Public Hearings and make a recommendation.

**AGREEMENTS/MDOT**

**Re: Title VI Plan Acceptance Agreement as required by MDOT**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve Title VI Plan Acceptance Agreement as required by MDOT. **(EXHIBIT E)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ORDINANCE/PUBLIC WORKS**

**Re: Adoption of Ordinance No. 337 regarding Identity Theft**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to approve Ordinance Number 337 recognizing the adoption of an Identity Theft Policy as presented by City Attorney. **(EXHIBIT F)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**CONTRACTS**

**Re: Agreement with Cellular South to lease a spot at 400 Davis Street**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to approve a request from Cellular South to lease a telecommunications spot for a Cellular Tower located at 400 Davis Street and authorize City Attorney to negotiate with Cellular south and bring back to the Board for approval.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ENGINEERS REPORT AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**Re: City Engineer Bruce Newton and Engineer Kurt Evans with update on upcoming projects.**

**TIDELANDS/BEACHFRONT WALKWAY**

**Re: Advertise for Engineering Services.**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve advertising for request for qualifications for Engineering for the Beachfront walkway.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**TIDELANDS FY 2009**

**Re: Tideland's Fund Program Application FY 2009**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve the 2009 Tideland's Fund Program Application for an additional \$125,000.00.(EXHIBIT G)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**SEWER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – NORTH OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS**

**Re: Naming Yates Construction as the next lowest and best bidder**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve Yates Construction., as the next lowest and best bidder for the Sewer North Reconstruction Project (FEMA funded), issue notice of award, authorize Mayor to sign construction contract and issue notice to Proceed, pending approval by the City Attorney.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**BUSINESS INCUBATOR (EXHIBIT H)**

**Re: Grant Funding for Business Plan and Operating Costs**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Schmitt to approve the following regarding the Business Incubator:

- a. Application for Grant Funding for \$30,000 for the business plan and operating costs.
- b. Advertising for proposals, for the business plan and operating costs.
- c. Digital Engineering to perform geotechnical investigation on the proposed site

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Remove motions regarding the Central Fire Station**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to deny the following regarding the Central Fire Station:

- a. Rescinding the motion authorizing Digital Engineering to proceed with appropriate steps to purchase the property for the Fire Station on Highway 90, as voted on at the Special Meeting held on May 4, 2009.
- b. Rescinding the Motion to approve allowing the Central Fire Station to be located on Highway 90 and be built to 361 Standards in order to operate as an Emergency Operations Center, as voted on at the Special Meeting held on May 4, 2009.
- c. The Central Fire Station to be located at 628 Highway 90. It will not be built to 361 Standards as an Emergency Operations Center.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**HMGP DRAINAGE PROJECT**

**Re: Engineer Bruce Newton updated Board on Project**

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES/PURCHASING**

**Re: Refund in the amount of \$129.75 to Mr. Clay Freeman**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to approve a refund to Mr. Clay Freeman in the amount of \$129.75 from the Utility Department due to a complication regarding some utility work done near Mr. Freeman's home.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/PURCHASING/AGREEMENT**

**Re: Service agreement with Lanier for Fire Department**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve the service agreement for Fire Department to lease a Lanier LD425c copier at a cost of 268.49 per month. **(EXHIBIT I)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC WORKS/PURCHASING**

**Re: Purchase brush chipper from Vermeer**

Alderman Piazza moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve the purchase of a brush chipper from Vermeer at a cost of \$30,500.00 as recommended by Public Works Administrator Dwight Haskell.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC WORKS/TRAVEL**

**Re: Dwight Haskell and Alternate to attend the Mississippi Rural and D.E.Q. Summer Training**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Schmitt to approve Public Works Administrator Dwight Haskell and Alternate to attend the Mississippi Rural and Department of Environmental Quality Summer Training Session at Hollywood Casino, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi on June 16-28, 2009. Cost to the City would be \$320.00 for three days.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**PURCHASING**

**Re: Purchase of Waveland Welcome Sign**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve a contribution in the amount of \$7,000.00 for the Waveland Welcome Sign. (This motion was tabled on May 5, 2009)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**DOCKET OF CLAIMS**

**Re: Claims Numbers 62143-62256**

Alderman Geoffrey moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to approve the Docket of Claims, as submitted by the City Clerk being numbered **62143-62256. (EXHIBIT J)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Re: Personnel Issues and Potential Litigation**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to consider going into Executive Session to regarding Police Department, Court Department, Fire Department, RSVP, Civic Center, CRS Coordinator and potential litigation

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

With no positive or negative action taken Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to come out of Executive session.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/FIRE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL**

**Re: Change of status for Officer Patrick Barber and new hire Mr. Howard O’Gwin**

**Re: Increase rate of pay for Firefighters Salvatore R. Pardue and Michael J. Jackson**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to approve the following new hires and employee changes, pending passage of drug test:

- a. Change of status for Patrol Officer Patrick Barber from full time to part time, due to Officer Barber returning to school, effective May 17, 2009.
- b. New Hire Mr. Howard O’Gwin Jr., as a full time Police Officer at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, with a .50-cent raise upon completion of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy.
- c. Increase of pay to Firefighter Salvatore R. Pardue as Firefighter Pardue has completed his certification as Mississippi Firefighters and has completed his probation period.
- d. Increase of pay to Firefighter Michael J. Jackson as Firefighter Jackson has completed his certification as Mississippi Firefighters and has completed his probation period

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza



Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ADJOURN**

**Re: Adjourn meeting at 9:20 p.m.**

Alderman Schmitt moved, seconded by Alderman Stahler to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Schmitt and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Longo on June 5, 2009.

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Maureen Bordelon  
Acting City Clerk

The Minutes of May 20, 2009 have been read and approved by me on this day the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2009.

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John Thomas Longo,  
Mayor

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