

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in regular session at the Waveland City Hall 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS. on October 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., to discuss the following matters of city business.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Garcia noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Stahler, Geoffrey, Lafontaine, and Kidd along with and City Clerk Lisa Planchard.

#### **REDISTRICTING PLAN/ELECTIONS**

##### **Re: Ms. Meg Crocket of Slaughter and Associates was present to discuss the Proposed Redistricting Plan**

Attorney Chad Mask of Carroll, Warren & Parker, et al Law Firm was present to address the Board and audience members. He said the purpose of the meeting is to have a public hearing as required by law following a decennial census. He also noted that the purpose this evening is not to adopt the actual ordinance redistricting the City, but rather it's to present a proposed plan, take public input and then the City will direct Slaughter & Associates and Carroll, Warren & Parker to prepare the actual Ordinance adopting the Redistricting Plan. Mr. Mask then turned the floor over to Ms. Crocket, Urban and Regional Planning Consultant from Slaughter & Associates, to discuss the proposed ward line changes and the supporting demographics as they comply with one man one vote principal and population requirements. Ms. Crocket explained the methodology used for preparing the Redistricting of Waveland.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Re: Mr. Santo Saucier** – Discussed concerns for drainage issues and the proposed Ward 4 lines.

**Re: Mr. Alfred Harris** – Asked for a copy of the proposed map being discussed.

**Re: Mr. Jeremy Burke** – Asked about the time frame to get adopted by Department of Justice. (Mr. Mask said the Department of Justice adoption aspect is no longer required. He said this past Spring, the Court rendered a decision saying that the DOJ pre-clearance requirement for States in the south is no longer required). With regard to how long it will take to become effective, Waveland tonight takes public input, get the final plan that the planners will use to define final boundaries, get the legal description of those boundaries and then the attorneys will put it in an Ordinance redistricting the City. Because Waveland is a Special Charter City, when this is done the attorneys will amend the City's Charter which requires the MS. Attorney General's Office to sign off on the Ordinance. He said it will be approved well in advance on the next election (2014).

**Re: Mrs. Carolyn Hollister** – Discussed Ward 4 Alderman Kidd's hard work in Ward 4.

**Re: Mr. John Rice** – Part-time resident discussed the large land area included in the Ward 4 proposal.

**Re: Mr. Bob Swanson** – Asked how much of Ward 4 was annexed.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS BY ATTORNEY CHAD MASK**

**Re: Mr. Mask** discussed the criteria for preparation of the submitted Ward Map and ward boundaries. He said it has everything to do with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and has nothing to do with geography; it is 100% based on population. Alderman Lafontaine remarked on the significant amount of time spent by Aldermen working with each other to achieve this goal. At this time Mr. Mask concluded the Hearing and asked for the Board's recommendation.

#### **REDISTRICTING**

##### **Re: Director City Attorney to move forward with Redistricting Ordinance**

Alderman Stahler moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to have attorney's prepare the legal description for the ward boundaries for formal Ordinance preparation.

A vote was called for with the following results:

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**Public Hearing: Redistricting - October 9, 2013**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey, Lafontaine and Kidd

Nay: Kidd

Absent: None

**ADJOURN**

**Re: Adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Geoffrey to adjourn the meeting at p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Yea: Stahler, Geoffrey and Lafontaine

Nay: Kidd

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Garcia on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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Lisa Planchard  
City Clerk

The Minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 have been read and approved by me on this day the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

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David A. Garcia  
Mayor

