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Regular Meeting of The Board of Mayor & Aldermen
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
6:30 pm.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in Regular Session at the Waveland City Hall Boardroom, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Mississippi, on April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the following matters of City business.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Trapani noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark along with City Clerk Lisa Planchard and City Attorney Ronnie Artigues. Absent from the meeting was Aldermen Richardson.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

AMEND AGENDA/BLIGHTED PROPERTY/CONSENT AGENDA

Re: Amend and finalize the agenda with the addition of item #2 and item #8(p)

- a. Aldermen Clark moved, seconded by Aldermen Aime-Gamble to amend and finalize the agenda with the addition of Item #2 under Blighted Property, and Item 8 (p) under Consent Agenda.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

MS. DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO PAGEANT/EVENTS-DEEP SEA FISHING RODEO

Re: Board Members to recommend/submit candidate names as the City of Waveland's representative in the 2024 MS. Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

- b. Mayor Trapani asked Board members to recommend/submit candidate name(s) as the City of Waveland representative to participate in the MS. Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo Pageant on July 7, 2024. Deadline to submit our representative name is Friday, May 24, 2024. **(EXHIBIT A)**

During discussion, Mayor Trapani asked Board members if anyone had a nomination for the Deep-Sea Fishing Rodeo court, and if so, please give the contact information to the City Clerk. The mayor said that last year he asked the same young lady who was Colleen of the St. Patrick's Parade because he had been notified late about this event's nomination deadline.

COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/GARBAGE COMPANY-CANS DONATED/TRASHCANS DONATED/DONATIONS

Re: Donation of 10 Trash Cans from Coastal Environmental to the City of Waveland

- c. Mr. Darren Bordelon, Division Manager, representing Mr. Jack Francioni with Coastal Environmental Services, presented the City of Waveland with a donation of 10 trash cans as a token of Coastal's partnership with the city. He said these cans will be going out throughout the city and Coastal Environmental looks forward to a long partnership with the city. **(EXHIBIT B)**

- **GULFGROVE APARTMENTS/OAK PARK APARTMENTS**

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Mayor Trapani reported that Building Official, Chris Carter and Building Inspector, Josh Hayes have visited all 13 buildings at Gulf Grove apartments and all 13 buildings have been virtually condemned. The residents have been given 30 days to vacate the premises. Oak Park apartments have not been visited yet, however residents of Oak Park have called and asked if they needed to move and the mayor told them it would be in their best interest to start looking for a new place to live.

- **VOLLEYBALL COURT LIGHTS**

The lights on the volley ball courts have been checked and it was found that one set of lights are working but the other set has a bad relay. Electrician, Michael Lewis is going to work on the lights and will put timers on them so they will come on at 7 pm and go off at 10 pm.

- **PLAYGROUND**

The mayor said he received notice that the playground equipment is being shipped on April 28th to Jackson, not here yet. He also announced that MS Power installed new lights at the basketball courts at Martin Luther King Park and at Bourgeois playground. Mayor Trapani said he is going to ride by the park after the meeting to check to see if and see if the lights need to be adjusted and are bright enough. He said there is a stronger light available if we need it.

- **SHRUBS BLOCKING ENTRANCES TO HIGHWAY**

Alderman Aime-Gamble brought up the shrubs by the Lunch Box Restaurant and how they blocked the view of people trying to get onto the highway. Mayor Trapani said he had a conversation with the Police Chief and was told it is in Bay St. Louis. He said he would make contact with owner of the buildings and ask them to trim the shrubs and if they won't do it then we will.

- **STREET ARMS THAT NEED REPLACING**

Mayor Trapani also said he we have a new source to get the arms replaced, as we need them, on the poles (on Coleman Avenue). The Veterans banners will probably go up around May 15th for Memorial Day and probably leave them up until Veterans Day, with the exception of the Cruisin' the Coast event in Waveland. We'll get them back up as soon as we can after that event.

ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS

Re: Aldermen Aime-Gamble

- Alderman Aime-Gamble stated that the City of Waveland has an ordinance for bonfires, but the City does not have jurisdiction for issuing permits for bonfires on the beach; that's the County. She said to get a bonfire permit you would have to request a permit from the county. She gave the mayor a copy of the bonfire permit from the County to put on the city website and said she said she would have a link on her website if anyone wanted to request a bonfire permit from the County.

Re: Aldermen Lafontaine

- No comments at this time.

Re: Aldermen Clark

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- Alderman Clark asked who planted and is responsible for trimming the palm trees located throughout the beach area and at the Lighthouse in Waveland. Mayor Trapani said that the Parks Dept. trims the ones by the lighthouse but as for the other ones, he was not sure if anyone trims them. He said those trees were donated by citizens and planted on the beach at the end of each street by Keep Waveland Beautiful. The mayor noted that some of them are quite high and didn't know how we could get up that high to trim them. Alderman Lafontaine asked, "Don't we have a bucket truck that we bought?" The mayor said he wasn't sure if the bicycle path would support the weight of the bucket truck without breaking it up. He said he would contact the County and see what they would have that can be used to trim the trees and see if our truck could reach from the road. City Attorney Artigues wondered if the County sand beach crew could do this. Alderman Clark asked what the possibility is of leasing out the concession building at the Elwood Bourgeois Park for the summer, perhaps a snowball stand. The mayor said at one time he thought there was a termite infestation so he was not sure how safe the building is. He said the city could check out the building and make sure it is safe to lease out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No Comments

BOARD BUSINESS:

DOCKET OF CLAIMS/DEPOSITORY CLAIMS DOCKET/BANK ACCOUNTS-DEPOSITORY

Re: Approve the Depository Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated April 17, 2024

- a. Aldermen Aime-Gamble moved, seconded by Aldermen Lafontaine to approve the Depository Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$568,831.09. **(EXHIBIT C)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

During discussion Alderman Lafontaine questioned Item #11417 partial payments for grass cutting. City Attorney Ronnie Artigues said we are doing payments for work completed on a monthly basis; we're paying them for work that has been performed, inspected and approved. Alderman Lafontaine requested they be put on a meeting agenda like we do other engineers and contractors' invoices. He said we need copies to put on the agenda and for the packet showing where they have been signed off on and completed by someone from the city. Alderman Lafontaine asked Bo if the contractor is adhering to the dates on the contract. Bo said, "Yes, they are."

DOCKET OF CLAIMS/OPERATING UTILITIES CLAIMS DOCKET/BANK ACCOUNTS-OPERATING UTILITIES

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Re: Approve Operating Utilities Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated April 2, 2024

- b. Aldermen Lafontaine moved, seconded by Aldermen Aime-Gamble to approve the Operating Utilities Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated April 17, 2024 in the amount of \$209,706.38
(EXHIBIT D)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

**CITYWIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS/
CONTRACTS-CITY WIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT/
PROJECTS-CITYWIDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS/MDEQ- CITYWIDE
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT/MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY COUNTY
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE (MCWI)/GRANTS-ARPA**

Re: Approve and Authorize Mayor's signature on the Waveland Citywide Sewer Improvements Project Contract Documents

- c. Aldermen Aime-Gamble moved, seconded by Aldermen Clark to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on the Waveland Citywide Sewer Improvements Project Contract Documents. This Project, UEI #QWTTJH9WQMV4, is funded through MDEQ and the MCWI (Mississippi Municipality County Water Infrastructure) grant program. Reference: ARPA Project. This project has been reviewed by the City Attorney.
(EXHIBIT E)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

**RENTAL AGREEMENTS - POSTAGE MACHINE/POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL
- CITY HALL/ CONTRACTS - POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL/STATE
CONTRACT - POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL**

Re: Approve and Authorize Mayor's signature on the renewal Rental Agreement with Quadient, Inc. for rental of the iX-3 postage machine for City Hall.

- d. Aldermen Lafontaine moved, seconded by Aldermen Clark to approve and authorize Mayor's signature on the renewal Rental Agreement with Quadient, Inc. for rental of the iX-3 postage machine for City Hall. This is State Contract (#8200068731) price, no other quotes are required. Note: the current agreement has expired.
(EXHIBIT F)

A vote was called for with the following results:

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Voting Nay: None

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BLIGHTED PROPERTIES: (Building Official, Chris Carter to discuss)

Re: Lance Ryan, property owner of 207 Hunter Hollow

1. Lance Ryan, owner of the property commonly known as 207 Hunter Hollow, parcel #162Q-2-10-146.000. This was held in abeyance from 4/2/24 Board meeting. Mr. Chris Carter, Building Official came forward to present a progress report on the outstanding items still needing attention from the previous meeting.

During discussion, Mr. Carter said some progress has been made, the swimming pool that was ordered to be emptied, is $\frac{3}{4}$ pumped out. He added that nothing has been done on the dormers as yet and the Board gave him until this meeting to get everything done. Mr. Ryan came forward and said that he has to pump under the pool so it won't pop up; he should have it done by Saturday. He said he has treated the standing water for insects. He is asking until Monday for the pool and then he will work on dormers after that. Mr. Ryan added that it will take time because he is out of town a lot working. Alderman Aime-Gamble asked how long would it take to do the dormers. Mr. Ryan said the people that did his roof originally were supposed to do the dormers; he paid \$12,000 and the contractor did nothing. He said he hired another guy and that guy stole his tools, but did not fix the dormers. He says by this July his house and yard will be done and will look great. Mayor Trapani asked Mr. Carter what is his recommendation? Mr. Carter is concerned that if the pool pump is not operational, stagnant water will be back in the pool after it has been pumped out and re-filled. Mr. Ryan said he got a new pump already and he said he has someone lined up to wrap the dormers. Mr. Carter said he would recommend holding in abeyance until the May 7th meeting and also hold off the citations until May 7th also.

Aldermen Clark moved, seconded by Aldermen Lafontaine to hold in abeyance until the 5/7/2024 Board meeting; citations will be held as well.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

Re: Mark Shiffer, property owner of 10049 Eden Lane- HOLD UNTIL AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Mark Shiffer, owner of the property commonly known as 10049 Eden Lane, parcel #139B-0-29-239.000. Mr. Chris Carter to discuss options for the Board to consider regarding metal shipping containers on his property.
NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME

CONSENT AGENDA

Aldermen Aime-Gamble moved, seconded by Aldermen Lafontaine to approve the following Consent Agenda items as numbered Items (a-p):

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Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

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Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

**PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES/FIRE DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT/STREETS DEPARTMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE
DEPARTMENT/RESIGNATIONS/NEW HIRES**

Re: Hires/Resignations of the following for various positions as listed:

- a. Hires/Promotions/Transfers/Resignations/Pay Changes of the following for Various positions as listed:
1. Resignation of Ms. Linda Jenkins as part-time assistant at City Hall effective 4/21/24.
 2. Hire Ms. Julie Burt as Deputy City Clerk/Accounting Assistant as full-time employee effective 4/22/24 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour pending passage of drug test and background check.
 3. Hire Mr. Avery Hall as Streets Department laborer at a rate of \$12.88 per hour pending passage of drug test and background check. **(EXHIBIT G)**

SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISEMENTS/BAY HIGH SOFTBALL TEAM

Re: Renew signage sponsorship of Bay High Softball Team

- b. Approve to renew signage sponsorship of Bay High Softball Team at a cost of \$225.00, same as prior year. **(EXHIBIT H)**

FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAINING/TRAVEL/MS. STATE FIRE ACADEMY

Re: Firefighter Reed Bolden to attend the NFPA 1002: Driver Operator – Pumper Apparatus Course at the MS. State Fire Academy

- c. Approve Firefighter, Reed Bolden to attend the NFPA 1002: Driver Operator – Pumper Apparatus course at the MS. State Fire Academy from May 13-23, 2024. Cost to the City will be a course fee of \$675.00, use of a city vehicle, 8 days per diem of \$224.00 (\$28/day x 8 days) for evening meals only, and covering of his shift while at class. **(EXHIBIT I)**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL/TRAINING/ASSOCIATION OF
FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE/CONFERENCES**

Re: Building Official Chris Carter to attend the Association of Floodplain Managers 2024 Spring Conference

- d. Approve Building Official, Chris Carter to attend the Association of Floodplain Managers 2024 Spring Conference from May 14-16, 2024 in Natchez, MS. Cost to the City will be a \$75.00 membership fee, conference registration fee of \$195.00, 3 nights lodging of \$372.00, 3 days per diem at \$177.00, and use of City vehicle. **(EXHIBIT J)**

**TRAVEL/TRAINING/ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT/BOARD MEMBERS/
MML ANNUAL CONFERENCE/CONFERENCE-MML/MS. COAST COLISEUM
& CONVENTION CENTER**

Re: Approve the following to attend the Annual MML Conference at the MS. Coast Coliseum & Convention Center

- e. Approve the following to attend the Annual MML Conference at the MS. Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, June 24-26, 2024 in Biloxi, MS. Costs include for each a registration fee of \$325 (early registration fee; \$350 if late) and use of a city vehicle (or mileage reimbursement if they bring their own vehicle):

(EXHIBIT K)

- Mayor Jay Trapani
- Alderman Rhonda Aime-Aime-Gamble
- Alderman Jeremy Clark
- City Clerk Lisa Planchard
- Comptroller Robert Fertitta
- Purchasing Agent Katharine Corr

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL/TRAINING/MS. CHIEF'S
ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE/CONFERENCES**

**Re: Approve Police Chief Mike Prendergast to attend the MS. Chief's Association
Conference**

- f. Approve Police Chief Mike Prendergast to attend the MS. Chief's Association Conference at the Golden Nugget Casino in Biloxi, MS. June 17-21, 2024. Costs include registration fee of \$350.00, dues of \$100.00, 4 days per diem of \$184.00, and use of a city vehicle. (EXHIBIT L)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/TOLL FEES/TRAVEL/TRAINING/HURRICANE
CONFERENCE-2024/FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Re: Approve toll fee payment to the Florida Dept. of Transportation for Asst.
Fire Chief, Casey Piazza's travel to the 2024 Hurricane Conference**

- g. Approve toll fee payment in the amount of \$10.18 to the Florida Dept. of Transportation for Asst. Fire Chief, Casey Piazza's travel to the Hurricane Conference in Orlando, FL. earlier this month. (EXHIBIT M)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL/REIMBURSEMENTS/HURRICANE
CONFERENCE-2024/ FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Re: Approve reimbursement of Fire Chief Tommy Carver's parking expense at
the hotel regarding the Hurricane Conference**

- h. Approve reimbursement of Fire Chief Tommy Carver's parking expense in the Amount of \$53.30 at his hotel regarding the Hurricane Conference he attended in Orlando, FL. earlier this month. (EXHIBIT N)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL/REIMBURSEMENTS/HURRICANE
CONFERENCE-2024/ FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Re: Approve reimbursement of Asst. Fire Chief Casey Piazza's fuel cost &
Parking cost at hotel regarding the Hurricane Conference**

- i. Approve reimbursement of Asst. Fire Chief Casey Piazza's fuel costs in the amount of \$200.00 and parking costs at his hotel in the amount of \$53.30, both related to travel for the Hurricane Conference in Orlando, FL. Note: Asst. Chief's Fuelman Card was inoperable... confirmed by purchasing agent, Katharine Corr. (EXHIBIT O)

**INVOICES/AGENCIES/CONTRACTORS/ENGINEERS/ENGINEERING
SERVICES/TIDELANDS PROJECTS/MAINTENANCE/CHINICHE
ENGINEERING & SURVEYING/ARPA/ARPA PROJECTS/SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – ARPA/BEACH PAGODAS –
TIDELANDS/REPAIRS – TIDELANDS/GIS SYSTEM REPAIR –
TIDELANDS**

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Re: Approve the following invoices from various Entities/Agencies/Contractors/Engineer, etc.:

- j. Approve the following invoices from various Entities/Agencies/Contractors/Engineers, etc.:
- (EXHIBIT P)**
1. Invoice #22-002-0042 from Chiniche Engineering & Surveying dated 04/09/24 in the amount of \$2,123.00 for engineering services related to GIS System Maintenance.
 2. Invoice #22-002-0134 from Chiniche Engineering & Surveying dated 04/09/24 in the amount of \$3,806.25 for engineering services related to the Beach Pagodas Repair-Tidelands.
 3. Invoice #22-002-0193 from Chiniche Engineering & Surveying dated 04/09/24 in the amount of \$10,699.36 for engineering services related to the ARPA Sewer Improvements Project.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/REPORTS/PRIVILEGE LICENSE
Re: Privilege License Report for the month of March 2024

- k. Spread on the Minutes the Privilege License report for the month of March, 2024.
- (EXHIBIT Q)**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PERMIT REPORTS/REPORTS
Re: Permits Report for the month of March 2024

- l. Spread on the Minutes the Permits Report for the month of March, 2024.
- (EXHIBIT R)**

GROUND ZERO MUSEUM/CIVIC CENTER/REPORTS/VISITOR COUNT REPORT
Re: Visitor Count Report for the month of March 2024

- m. Spread on the Minutes the Visitor Count report, as submitted by the Ground Zero Museum Board, for the month of March, 2024. **(EXHIBIT S)**

POLICE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT/REPORTS
Re: Community Service Report for the month of March 2024

- n. Spread on the Minutes the Community Services Report for the month of March, 2024. **(EXHIBIT T)**

COURT DEPARTMENT/COURT STATISTICS REPORT/REPORTS
Re: Court Statistics Report for the month of March 2024

- o. Spread on the Minutes the Court Statistics Report for the month of March, 2024. **(EXHIBIT U)**

MINUTES

Re: Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting dated Apr. 2, 2024

- p. Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting dated April 2, 2024.

END CONSENT AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: Consider entering Executive Session

Aldermen Aime-Gamble moved, seconded by Aldermen Clark to consider entering a closed session for discussion related to potential litigation regarding Utility Department & water gravity issue.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

Re: Enter into Executive Session

Aldermen Clark moved, seconded by Aldermen Aime-Gamble to enter an executive session for discussion related to potential litigation regarding Utilities Department & water gravity issue.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

Re: Exit Executive session with action taken

Aldermen Clark moved, seconded by Aldermen Lafontaine to come out of executive session with action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

AGREEMENTS/RETAINER AGREEMENTS/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: Approve and authorize the mayor to sign the retainer agreement with Jim Hood

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Aldermen Aime-Gamble moved, seconded by Aldermen Clark to approve & authorize the Mayor to sign the retainer agreement with Jim Hood. **(EXHIBIT V)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Aime-Gamble, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson

CONTINUED MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Trapani announced on April 30th at 9 am at the Community Center next to the old Hancock Bank building there will be coffee with the mayor type of thing. Ted Longo will moderate a panel which will include the Mayor, developer of the Hotel, Representative of Express Oil Change, Anthony Sheffield representative for the lady opening restaurant in Old Hancock Bank because she speaks very little English and her husband speaks no English, and manager of Harbor Freight. Doors will open at 8:30am and program starts at 9 am. Harbor Freight will have a soft opening on April 23 with the Grand Opening on May 4th.

ADJOURN

Re: Adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Aldermen Clark moved, seconded by Aldermen Lafontaine to Adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

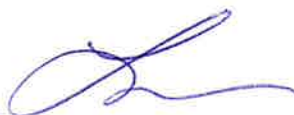
A vote was called for with the following results:

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Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson


The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Trapani on May 08, 2024.



Lisa Planchard
City Clerk

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The Minutes of April 17, 2024 have been read and approved by me on this day the 8th day of May, 2024



Jay Trapani
Mayor