

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in regular session at the Waveland City Hall Board Room 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS. on March 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the following matters of City business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- There were no Public Comments

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Smith noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza along with Deputy City Clerk Ron Duckworth, Deputy City Clerk Tammy Fayard and City Attorney Rachel P. Yarborough.

Absent from the meeting was City Clerk Lisa Planchard.

**BLIGHTED PROPERTIES/PUBLIC HEARING**

Scheduled this evening was a blighted property public hearing for 6:30 pm re: the property located at 600 Hwy 90; the 'old Day's Frontier property'. Mayor Smith said that Mr. Bill Carrigee was supposed to be here for the public hearing this evening and should be here shortly. Mr. Carrigee is supposed to be bringing the engineers report for the steel and a plan that is to begin next week on the rebuild of this building. Continued below.

**MAYOR'S REPORT/HANCOCK COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM/LIBRARY DIRECTOR/MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/BIDS/ ADVERTISEMENTS/WAVELAND AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT**

**Re: Introduction of Hancock County Library System newly Appointed Director**

Ms. Bernie Cullen announced that the Library Board of Trustee's has two new appointees (to complete their Board), Ms. Linda McKay and Ms. Tonya Green. Ms. Cullen also introduced the new Executive Director of the Library, Ms. Jennifer Baxter, who comes to Hancock County from Jackson/George County Library System. Ms. Baxter already has her MLIS and is close to getting her Master's Degree in Public Administration.

**Re: Correspondence to MDOT Requesting Authorization to Advertise for Construction Bids-Waveland Avenue Sidewalk Project**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve correspondence to Mississippi Department of Transportation (David Seyfarth, P.E. - District 6 Special Projects Engineer) requesting authorization to advertise for construction bids for the Waveland Avenue Sidewalk Project.

**(EXHIBIT A)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Re:** Trip Advisor (Tripadvisor.com) now includes Waveland in it; we will get a whole year for free.

**Re:** Mayor Smith attended the ICSC (International Council of Shopping Centers) last week in New Orleans. He made some good connections with site selectors & realtors, and met numerous business contacts. He said that we are on the edge of some very good things happening; this should be a very busy year coming up.

**HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY/PUBLIC APPEARANCES/UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

**Re: HC Utility Authority Director, David Pitalo was present to discuss Selling Water to the City of Waveland**

Mr. Pitalo provided Board members with a spreadsheet showing costs and what the Utility Authority could offer the City, noting they can provide the City continuous water, backup power, etc...

He noted that 3 of the 5 entities are online 100% purchasing water from Hancock County Utility Authority. Mr. Pitalo noted that if Waveland were to begin purchasing water from the Utility Authority, the cost per 1,000 gals. would be \$.75 to \$.80. Alderman Lafontaine told the audience that he sits on the HCUA (Hancock County Utility Authority) Board as a member and that \$.80 would be just to break even for them; that's no cash reserves for the District. At the \$.80/1,000 gal. cost, the Utility Authority would have a \$13,286.00 profit for the year, Mr. Pitalo added that they do need to get reserves up on their budget. The Utility Authority is also in discussions with the City of Bay St. Louis to also purchase water from HCUA. If Bay St. Louis participates, but Waveland does not, HCUA would charge \$.60 to \$.65/1,000 gals. (to break even). The reason for this is that Bay St. Louis has more customers, about 1,100 more than Waveland. Alderman Lafontaine said that we just want to look at 'apples to apples', what is it costing us to produce water vs. what would it cost us to purchase water per 1,000 gallons, but we have to maintain our quality. He added that by purchasing water, the City still has the overhead expense of salaries, benefits, electricity bills for wells, maintenance and repairs of wells, a lot of things that will not be eliminated by purchasing water. Mr. Pitalo added that not just using the cost/1,000 gallons, there could be a lot of negotiation that could potentially make this come together such as if HCUA took over the City's wells, they pay for the electricity, they pay for the chlorine, they pay for the tank maintenance if need be. He said he would rather that everyone not base it just on the cost per 1,000 gallons. One thing that may benefit the City is that the HCUA does not charge for flushing the lines to help reach dead end lines and get chlorination in those lines; that would save the City money; the Utility Authority would eat that cost. If the City were to purchase water from HCUA the City would still operate the water distribution system, billing, and notify customers of boil water notices. Mr. Pitalo said they have 2 million gallons of capacity and 5,800 gal's/minute of pumping capacity. Their system is in place and currently underutilized. Mr. Pitalo said the budget number(s) he is sharing with the Board is for all the maintenance and repairs of any of the well/water system issues, not just production. Alderman Lafontaine clarified that this represents HCUA's costs, up to the 3 valves (that connect to the City lines).

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/GRANTS/AGREEMENTS/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT/STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN/PERSONNEL**

**Re: Approve a Sub-Grant Agreement with MS State Department of Health for the 2018-2019 FY (Stop Domestic Violence Against Women)**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve a Sub-Grant Agreement, including required signatures, with the Mississippi State Department of Health for the FY 2018-19 VAWA STOP Program Grant (Stop Violence Against Women) in the amount of \$35,027.50 with a local match share in the amount of \$16,626.00, i.e. fringe benefits portion of salary. (Total amount being \$51,653.57 (Federal portion + local match)) This Grant is to develop and strengthen law enforcement, prosecution, and court strategies to combat violent crimes against women. **(EXHIBIT B)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT, cont....**

**TOWN GREEN/PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Mayor Smith** said that Ms. Nancy Depreo had donated her time and skills to put together the town green master plan, which will be between the Library and the Civic Center (old School); mostly all the work there will involve city employees. There will be about 40 trees that have been donated and will be planted Saturday, March 10, 2018.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

**Re: Ms. Yarborough** had no comments at this time.

**ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS**

**Re: Alderman Burke**

- He and Mayor Smith held a Ward 1 Town Hall meeting and announced that Bay St. Louis will be soon exploring curbside recycling again; he will be working with Solid Waste Authority to develop a plan and come back to this Board maybe by June 2018 for approval. Mr. Knox Ross, Vice Chair of the Southern Rail Commission called and notified Alderman Burke that currently

on Governor Bryant's desk is a proposal to fund a commuter train from New Orleans to Mobile, with hopes to expand service into Florida. There are some comment cards in the back to fill out, or go online to their website, and send back to the Governor in support this effort.

- Asked whether the City had obtained the Right of Entry on Herlihy Street related to the Citywide Sewer Improvements project. Ms. Yarborough said they did not, but gave them until 5:00 pm Friday and they have not responded; everything is ready and the City is waiting on a late ordered survey from Compton Engineering to get a very specific description of the taking and then we will go from there. She said we will file (suit in court).

**Re: Alderman Richardson**

- Inquired about the dozer at the new Town Green site; did someone volunteer use of it. Mayor Smith said no, that Mr. Anderson did not have a piece of equipment that could remove the slab and the thought it would only cost a couple hundred bucks. He said there is a gazebo option planned for this area that can be built by employees and volunteers.

**Re: Alderman Lafontaine**

- Reminded everyone of the Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting set for Thursday March 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Discussed the cars parked at the end of Margie Street. Alderman Lafontaine reminded the Board Members of this property's past history and this local business parking cars on various pieces of property around his automotive repair shop. He said it's an eyesore and ongoing problem. Ms. Yarborough said she will get with our new hire regarding cleanup and violations, to include Blighted Property/Zoning Code Official and Fire Officials. She said last she had researched it, the property owner did not have the appropriate business permits, which is required by the injunction.
- Requested the Mayor ask the Parks and Recreation employees stop parking near the concession stand at the Elwood Bourgeois Park; 'it gets a muddy mess'.

**Re: Alderman Piazza** – Had all of his questions answered prior to the meeting.

**DOCKET OF CLAIMS**

**Re: Claims**

Alderman Piazza moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve the Docket of Claims in the amount of \$535,075.69 dated March 6, 2018 as submitted. **(EXHIBIT C)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

**Re: Minutes of February 21, 2018**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2018 as submitted.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**PERSONNEL/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Amend Officer Paul Taylor's rate of pay from \$15.11 to \$14.67 for his Probationary Hire Period**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to amend Officer Paul Taylor's rate of pay from \$15.11 to \$14.67. (Police Chief Allen mistakenly placed the pay received post 6 months' probation on the preceding agenda)

Note: His pay will increase back to \$15.11 after the 6 month probation period.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

#### **TRAVEL/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Investigator Matt Sekinger to Hoover Alabama from April 1-13, 2018 and Officers Patrick Crowe and Paul Taylor to Jackson, Mississippi March 14, 2018**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve travel for the following, as listed (Items a-b):

- a) Investigator Matt Sekinger to Advanced Forensics Training at National Forensics Institute in Hoover, Alabama from April 1-13, 2018. Cost to the City will be use of a city vehicle, all other costs (tuition & per diem) will be paid for by the U.S. Secret Service.
- b) Officers Patrick Crowe and Paul Taylor to Interview and Interrogations/Courtroom Testimony class in Jackson, Mississippi, March 14, 2018. Cost to the City will be use of a City vehicle; there is no course fee for this one day class.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

#### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT/PRIVILEGE LICENSES/LEGAL DEPARTMENT/BUSINESS CENTER/INCUBATOR/LEASE AGREEMENTS/AGREEMENTS**

Spread on the Minutes the following as listed, (Items a-d):

- c) Building Permits Report for the Month of February, 2018. **(EXHIBIT D)**
- d) Privilege License Report for the Month of February, 2018. **(EXHIBIT E)**
- e) Order and Judgement for Ms. Regina Pepe. **(EXHIBIT F)**
- f) Lease Agreement between William J. Beckham and Studio Waveland (Mitchell Gaudet) for the lease of Conference Room C Pod in the amount of \$190.00 per month. **(EXHIBIT G)**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/BLIGHTED PROPERTIES**

**Re: 600 Highway 90 – Old Days Frontier Property– Discussion**

**Re: Reset Public Hearing for Old Day’s Frontier Property to April 3, 2018**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to reset the Blighted Property Public Hearing for 600 Highway 90 (Old Days Frontier) to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

During discussion, City Attorney Rachel Yarborough said that when Mr. Carrigee originally made his preliminary discussion to the Board he stated that he was going to bring an engineer’s letter regarding the usability of what he had determined was still viable. She said that there was also concern by the Building Department Inspector, that before he could give a recommendation, he needed to review that information of whatever Mr. Carrigee would submit. Alderman Burke reminded everyone that this was addressed the first part of December ’17 and was to be torn down the first part of January ’18; it’s still not torn down. He feels what will happen is that this will not be demolished and rebuilt, but remain as a structural steel nightmare for years to come; perhaps the City should get some quotes and the City have this demolished (and assess to property taxes). Alderman Richardson said that he has concerns that the property owner will actually be able to financially follow through with building what she has described that she wants to build. Mayor Smith said he recalls talking about the back of the building having to be demolished (flood zone) and it is still there. The Mayor asked Mr. Carrigee by phone, when would the plans be submitted to Planning & Zoning and was told that it would be next week, ASAP. Mr. Carrigee said he would bring them in himself. Mayor Smith said Mr. Carrigee also asked if he should be at the meeting and Mayor Smith said, “Yes”, for the engineers report. Ms. Yarborough added that Mr. Carrigee has represented that he is the project manager for this demo/rebuild. She announced that this

will be rescheduled to the first meeting in April, 4/3/18 at 6:30 pm and she will get the notices out tomorrow.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: Burke

Absent: None

**ADJOURN**

**Adjourn Meeting at 7:46 p.m.**

Alderman Piazza moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to adjourn the meeting 7:46 at pm.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Smith on March 23, 2018.

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Lisa Planchard  
City Clerk

The Minutes of March 6, 2018 have been read and approved by me on this day the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Mike Smith  
Mayor

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