

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020**  
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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, MS. on March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the following matters of City business.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Smith noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine and Piazza, also present City Clerk Mickey Lagasse

City Attorney Malcom Jones entered the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**WAVELAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION/EVENTS/ST. PATRICKS DAY/PARADES**  
**Re: Approve a request for the Waveland Civic Association to hold its annual parade**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve a request from the Waveland Civic Association to hold its annual St. Patrick's Parade on March 14, 2020 at 1 p.m. Board President A.J. Andres will be present to discuss. (Item submitted for approval on March 3, 2020)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Re: Mayor Smith announced the dates for the upcoming Town Hall Meetings that would include the entire Board.**

**Re: There will be a Prayer Breakfast on March 26, 2020.**

**ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS**

**Re: Alderman Burke**

- Discussed the website complaint notification system and work orders.

**Re: Alderman Burke**

- Discussed the recent car break-ins; inquired about Police Plan related to this issue.

**Re: Alderman Lafontaine**

- Requested 'We Buys Houses' signs be picked up from Rue de LaSalle Drive

**Re: Alderman Piazza**

- Discussed the Waveland Avenue Sidewalk Project related to a walking bride

**INSURANCE/PROPERTY INSURANCE/CITY HALL/FIRE DEPARTMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Proposal from Betz-Rosetti & Associates for Property Insurance**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve proposal from Betz-Rosetti & Associates for property insurance in the amount of \$142,062.00. John Rosetti will be here to discuss. This is an increase of \$13,376 with an increase in the deductible from \$25,000.00 to \$100,000.00 on named storms, normal deductibles will apply otherwise. **(EXHIBIT A)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

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Absent: None

**INSURANCE**

**Re: Remove Sewer Lift Stations from Insurance**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to consider the approval of a proposal from Betz-Rosetti & Associates to remove sewer lift stations a value of (\$1,600,000.00) from the current proposal for a savings credit of \$3,199.00. **(EXHIBIT B)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**Re: Deny adding Business Interruption Insurance Coverage**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to consider the approval of a proposal from Betz-Rosetti & Associates to add Business interruption insurance coverage in the amount of (\$1,000,000.00) at a cost of \$5,078.00.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Richardson (Exited the room from (7:27 p.m. to 7:29 p.m.)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Re: There were no Public Comments**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**Re: TABLE approval of an update to the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to TABLE approval of an update to the City of Waveland Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**COURT DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Name Damian Holcomb, PLLC to handle Hancock County Court Appeals**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to name Damian Holcomb, PLLC to handle appeals with the Hancock County Court on behalf of the City of Waveland at a retainer of \$300.00 per month. (As TABLED from the February 19, 2020 meeting)

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Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**INVOICES/WAVELAND AVENUE SIDEWALKS PROJECT**

**Re: Invoice submitted by James J. Chiniche, PA**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the following Invoices as submitted by various contractors

- a. Invoice No. 16-01022 from James J. Chiniche, PA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,270.66 - Waveland Avenue Sidewalks Project. **(EXHIBIT C)**

- ~~b. Pay Application #10 from DNA Underground, LLC in the amount of \$73,535.15 - Waveland Avenue Sidewalks Project.~~

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**DOCKET OF CLAIMS**

**Re: Claims**

Alderman Piazza moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the Docket of Claims paid and unpaid in the amount of \$537,382.66 dated March 3, 2020 as submitted. **(EXHIBIT D)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Re: Notary Public Application and Fees for Sandra Beth Watson**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve Notary Public Application for Sandra Beth Watson of the Waveland Police Department in the amount of \$25.00 and subsequent Notary supply and insurance expenses not to exceed \$250.00. **(EXHIBIT E)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL**

**Re: Promotion of Officers Shandi Garcia and Adam Penton to the position of Sergeant**

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Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to promote Officer Shandi Garcia and Officer Adam Penton to the position of Sergeant effective March 9, 2020 and increase the pay for each officer by \$1.00 per hour. These are budgeted positions.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**POLICE DEPARTMENT/TRAINING**

**Re: Firearms Training for Lt. William Cotter and Officer Ricky Trudell**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve Firearms training for William Cotter and Ricky Trudell previously approved due to a change in location and approve travel cost including registration, per diem and cost of hotel and the use of a city vehicle.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**AGREEMENTS/GRANTS/MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY (MOHS)**

**Re: Grant Renewal Agreement for FY21**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve Grant Renewal Agreement for FY21 MOHS (MS. Office of Highway Safety) through the Department of Public Safety, Division of Public Safety for safety belt enforcement in the amount of \$16,068.00, and authorize the Mayor's signature thereon. This Grant is 100% Federally funded. (Item submitted for approval on March 3, 2020) **(EXHIBIT F)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Re: Utility Refund Claims**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to spread on the minutes the Utility Refund Claims in the amount of \$3,380.02. **(EXHIBIT G)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

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Absent: Richardson

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL**

**Re: Re-hire Mr. Walter Johnson at same rate of pay for Utility Department**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson as a Utility Operator to re-hire Mr. Walter Johnson at the same rate of pay at \$13.24 effective March 4, 2020 upon passage of drug test. He resigned effective February 25, 2020 and would like to return.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**UTILITY DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL**

**Re: Discussed a possible salary increase, change in duties, requirements of gas and water certification and promotion for Public Works Supervisor Veotis “Bo” Humphrey. During the discussion it was determined that Mr. Humphrey would answer to the Mayor and Manage, Streets, Parks/Maintenance, and Litter Control.**

**Re: Name Foreman Veotis “Bo” Humphrey as Public Works Supervisor**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve a possible salary increase to \$45,000.00 and promotion for Public Works Supervisor Veotis “Bo” Humphrey, effective March 9, 2020.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**CITY HALL**

**Re: Minutes of February 19, 2020**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2020 as submitted.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Richardson

Absent: None

**CITY HALL/TRAINING/STORMWATER**

**Re: The Board of Mayor and Aldermen attended Stormwater Training prior to meeting**

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Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to spread on the minutes, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen attended Stormwater Training for 2020 prior to this regularly scheduled meeting.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**NICHOLSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT/BIDS**

**Re: Bids for Nicholson Avenue Improvement Project received prior to meeting**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to spread on the minutes, bids for Nicholson Ave Improvement Project that were received prior to this regularly scheduled meeting.  
**(EXHIBIT H)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**TRAVEL/CITY HALL**

**Re: Mayor, City Clerk and Alderman Richardson to travel Jackson, Mississippi to meet with MDA/MDOT and MSDEQ**

Alderman Lafontaine moved ,seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve travel for Mayor Mike Smith, Alderman Bobby Richardson a City Clerk Mickey Lagasse to Jackson next week to meet with MDA/MDOT and MSDEQ to discuss Coleman Ave. and Restore Act funding. It will include 2 days per diem, 1 night's hotel stay and use of a City vehicle.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**TRAVEL/CITY HALL/UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

**Re: City Clerk, Comptroller, Deputy City Clerks and Utility Clerks to BBI for Training**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to approve the following travel to attend BBI workshops and training in Jackson MS. Cost of training (\$200.00 per workshop) is included with purchase of software and travel cost are a budgeted expense. Items (a- d).

- a. City Clerk to attend April 13 - 16 ISC Budgetary, ISC Payroll, ISC Utilities workshops cost to the City will be 5 days per diem, 4 nights lodging and the use of a city vehicle or mileage.
- b. Comptroller Ron Duckworth to attend April 13<sup>th</sup> ISC Budgetary workshop April 13, 2020. Cost to the City will be 1 day per diem, and lodging for 1 night.

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- c. Utility Clerk Lisa Ladner to attend April 16<sup>th</sup> ISC Utilities workshops cost to the City will be 2 days per diem, lodging for 1 night and the use of a city vehicle or mileage
- d. Utility Clerk Julie Bromwell and Deputy City Clerk Tammy Fayard to attend April 20<sup>th</sup> ISC Utilities workshops cost to the City will be 2 days per diem, 1 nights lodging and the use of a city vehicle or mileage.
- e. Human Resources Clerk Pamela Lafontaine to attend April 14<sup>th</sup> ISC Payroll workshop cost to the City will be 2 days per diem, 1-night lodging and use of a City vehicle or mileage.

A vote was called for with the following results:

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Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

**Re: Discussed work with Building Official Josh Hayes addressing issues related to the old Hotel on Highway 90**

**Re: Mr. Jones said that he and the Mayor met with the Gulf Sound Coalition related to the Spillways being dumped in the sound in 2019**

**Re: Updated the Board on the Beachwalk Subdivision issue**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Re: Potential and Probable litigation Re: Waveland Avenue Sidewalks Project**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to go into closed session to determine whether or not an Executive Session is needed as relates to potential or probable litigation on the Waveland Avenue Sidewalks Project.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**Re: Potential and Probably Litigation Re: the Waveland Avenue Sidewalk Project**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to approve City Attorney Jones recommended the Board go into Executive Session to discuss possible or probably litigation on the Waveland Avenue Sidewalk Project because it will have a detrimental effect on the city's litigation position.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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**Re: Exit with no action taken**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke Exit Executive Session with no action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, Lafontaine & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

\*Alderman Lafontaine exited the Meeting

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS/PUBLIC WORKS/PERSONNEL**

**Re: The Mayor said the Personnel issue was that Mr. Humphrey had sent an employee home after he was found sleeping on the job.**

**Re: Employee sent home due to sleeping on job**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to spread on the minutes that an employee had been sent home due to sleeping on the job.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Lafontaine

**INVOICES/WAVELAND AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT**

**Re: Payment of Invoice #10 from DNA Underground**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to Pay Application #10 from DNA Underground, LLC in the amount of \$73,535.15 - Waveland Avenue Sidewalks Project. **(EXHIBIT I)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Lafontaine

**ADJOURN**

**Re: Adjourn Meeting at 8:12p.m.**

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson & Piazza

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Lafontaine

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The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Smith on March 19, 2020.

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James M. Lagasse  
City Clerk

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020 have been read and approved by me on this, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020,

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Mike Smith  
Mayor

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