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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 August 18, 2021 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, and Lafontaine along with City Clerk Mickey Lagasse and City Attorney Malcom Jones.

Absent from the Meeting was Alderman Charles Piazza

MAYOR'S REPORT

Re: Asked the audience to keep the Piazza Family in their prayers.

Re: Provided an update on the Covid-19 issues.

Re: Canceled the Labor Day Event due to increased Covid issues.

Re: Noted the proposed meeting dates for August 24, 25 and 26

AMEND AGENDA/ADVERTISING

Re: Amend the Agenda to add approval to renew sign for the Bay High Girls Basketball Team

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine Amend the agenda to renew the sign for the Bay High Girls Basketball Team.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

Re: Renew the Sign for the Bay High Girls Basketball Team

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to renew the sign for the Bay High Girls Basketball Team finding that it will bring favorable notice to the resources and opportunities to the City.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

ALDERMEN'S COMMENTS

Re: Alderman Burke

- Discussed for clarity, item letter #0 under the Consent Agenda regarding the rail crossing north on Nicholson Avenue. City Clerk Lagasse said yes.
- Noted a recent visit to Diamondhead, Mississippi by Governor Tate Reeves where the Restore Act Funds were discussed. (Mayor Smith added that he had appointment the following day (August 19, 2021) scheduled with Senator Wicker and Congressman Palazzo's office)

Re: Alderman Richardson

- Requested a timeline on the repair/replacement of the fence at the City Yard.

Re: Alderman Lafontaine

- Asked for a status update for the Public Works Building.
- Noted the draft of the Drainage Plan and discussed the placement of the draft on the agenda.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Re: Requested his comments be moved to the end of the meeting to discuss issues within Executive Session

BLIGHTED PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING

Re: Jeffrey Lidman of Dora Land – 624 Highway 90 (City Attorney)

During discussion Building Official Josh Hayes updated the Board on the complaints submitted noting that the owners have until the 23rd of this month (August) to comply. Mr. Hayes also discussed the rear buildings, noting the Building Owners said they would have issues taken care of. He said the owners came in from California and pulled a permit.

BONDS

Re: Mr. Jason Thomas was present discuss selling of Bonds for Waveland Road Paving Project 2.5 Million Dollar Bond Issue

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Re: Liz Stahler

CONSENT AGENDA (a - t)

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve the consent agenda being listed Items a-t with the exception of Item i.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Re: Permits Report for the Month of July 2021

- a. Approve the Permits Report for July 2021, as submitted. **(EXHIBIT A)**

REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT

Re: Report for the month of July 2021

- b. Spread on the minutes the Revenue and Expense Report for July 2021. **(EXHIBIT B)**

COURT DEPARTMENT

Re: Court Statistics Report for the Month of July 2021

- c. Spread on the minutes the Court Statistics Reports for the month of July 2021. **(EXHIBIT C)**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Re: Statistics Report for the Month of July 2021

- d. Spread on the minutes the Community Service Statistics Reports for the month of July 2021. **(EXHIBIT D)**

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Re: Regular Meeting of July 21, 2021

- e. Approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2021, as submitted.

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Re: Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021

- f. Approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021, as submitted.

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Re: Special Meeting of August 9, 2021

- g. Approve the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting of August 9, 2021, as submitted.

PURCHASING/PUBLIC WORKS/MECHANIC

Re: Authorize Mechanic Jason Duenas to sign purchase requests

- h. Authorize Mechanic Jason Duenas to sign Purchase Requests.

~~**PERSONNEL/STREETS DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS**~~

~~**Re: New Hire Mr. Zachary Lafontaine as a Laborer in the Streets Department**~~

- ~~i. Spread on the minutes the new hire of Mr. Zachary Lafontaine as a Laborer in the Street's Department at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending passage of drug test. (As approved at the Special Meeting of August 9, 2021)~~

PERSONNEL/FIRE DEPARTMENT

- j. Approve new hire Mr. Anthony Mallini II as a part-time Firefighter, pending passage of drug test. Mr. Mallini is a Certified Firefighter and meets all Minimum Standards requirements.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL

Re: Resignation of Officer Adam Penton

- k. Spread on the minutes the resignation of Officer Adam Penton effective August 9, 2021.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL

Re: New Hire Gabrielle Lauga as a Patrolman

- l. Approve new hire Gabrielle Lauga as a Patrolman at a rate of \$15.35 per hour. Ms. Lauga will require training at the Academy and will rate of will be increased to \$16.35 per hour, pending passage of drug test and will be on probation for 1 year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT/PERSONNEL

Re: Removal of Officer Ronald Garcia from the part-time roster

- m. Spread on the minutes the removal of Officer Ronald Garcia from the part-time roster.

PUBLIC WORKS/PERSONNEL

Re: Resignation of Mr. Terrell Lee from Streets Department

- n. Spread on the minutes the resignation of Mr. Terrell Lee from the Public Works Department, effective August 11, 2021.

NICHOLSON AVENUE PROJECT/CULVERT-NICHOLSON AVENUE/QUOTES

Re: Award Southern Site Utilities as best quote for the Culvert Replacement across Nicholson Avenue

- o. Approve and award the lowest and best quote for the replacement of the damaged culvert across Nicholson Ave, to Southern Site Utilities in the amount of \$39,550.00 to be paid out of the infrastructure fund. **(EXHIBIT E)**

PURCHASING/PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Purchase 1 Ton Dump-Truck, Mini Excavator and Bobcat

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- p. Purchase the following equipment using sales tax funds collected above budgeted revenues. We are still working with the City's new auditor to bring a budget amendment to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the September 7th meeting. (Amended. original amounts approved at the August 3, 2021)
1. Used 1-Ton dump truck \$40,000.00 + 9,500.00
 2. New Mini Excavator \$40,000.00 + 15,000.00
 3. New Bobcat (type) walk behind \$40,000.00

TRAVEL/CITY HALL

Re: City Clerk Mickey Lagasse to attend the Certified Municipal Clerks Fall Training

- q. Approve travel for City Clerk Mickey Lagasse to attend the Certified Municipal Clerks Fall Training in Hattiesburg, Mississippi October 13-15, 2021. Cost to the City will be lodging for 2 nights, per diem for 3 days and use of a city vehicle or mileage.

PARKS AND RECREATIONS

Re: Invoice from Compton Engineering for Boundary Survey next to Gex Park

- r. Approve Invoice 221.001.019-1 from Compton Engineering in the amount of \$975.00 - Boundary Survey and Drawing of Property next to Gex Park on Coleman Avenue. **(EXHIBIT F)**

DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Re: Claims

- s. Approve the Docket of Claims paid and unpaid in the amount of \$580440.29 dated August 18, 2021, as submitted. **(EXHIBIT G)**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Purchase a Brush Cutter at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00

- t. Consider purchasing a brush cutter for areas not reachable by current equipment, the cost will be not to exceed \$4,500.00. We will be using sales tax funds collected above-budgeted revenues to purchase. We are still working with the City's new auditor to bring a budget amendment to the Mayor and Board of Alderman at the September 7th meeting.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

END CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL/STREETS DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Re: New Hire Mr. Zachary Lafontaine as a Laborer in the Streets Department

- i. Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to spread on the minutes the new hire of Mr. Zachary Lafontaine as a Laborer in the Street's Department at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending passage of drug test. (As approved at the Special Meeting of August 9, 2021)

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Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Smith

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza and Lafontaine

EVENTS

Re: TABLE a request from Freedom Lighthouse Ministries to hold a Family Friendly event on New Year's Eve December 31, 2021

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to ~~approve~~ TABLE a request from Freedom Light House Ministries to hold a family event at the Lighthouse on Friday, December 31, 2021 (New Year's Eve) from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with a Fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. This is proposed as a family-friendly event with no alcohol being served.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

UTILITY DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Re: Proposal from National Corrosion Service, Inc. to assist with mandatory compliances

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve a proposal from National Corrosion Service, Inc. in the amount of \$995.00 for the preparation and submission of an Operator Written Plan that is required to maintain compliance with the State and Federal Regulations for the Operation of the Gas System and authorize the Mayor's signature thereon. **(EXHIBIT H)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

PARKS AND RECREATIONS/REIMBURSEMENTS/CIVIC CENTER/GROUND ZERO MUSEUM

Re: Reimbursement to Ms. Mary Waldrep for the purchase of supplies for landscaping

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to approve a reimbursement in the amount of \$951.01 to Ms. Mary Waldrep for landscaping supplies purchase for the Civic Civic/Museum in preparation for the Smithsonian Exhibit. **(EXHIBIT I)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: Potential Litigation and Personnel Issues

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to enter a closed session to discuss Gulf Shores Properties, Oak Park and Gulf Grove Apartments, personnel in the Prospective

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litigation where it would be necessary to have strategy session that could cause a detrimental impact on litigating position for Gulf Shores and Oak Park Apartment issues, Code Enforcement issues on Volga Street, Villere Street and 108 Waveland Avenue and personnel issues in the Public Works Department.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

Re: Enter Executive Session

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Burke to follow the recommendation of the City Attorney to enter Executive Session to discuss Prospective litigation where it would be necessary to have strategy session that could cause a detrimental impact on litigating position for Gulf Shores and Oak Park Apartment issues, Code Enforcement issues on Volga Street, Villere Street and 108 Waveland Avenue and personnel issues in the Public Works Department.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

Re: Exit Executive Session

Alderman Burke moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to come out of executive session with no action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

UTILITY FUND/GENERAL FUND/TRINITY INVESTMENTS/INVESTMENTS-TRINITY

Re: General Fund transfer to the Utility Fund to Reimburse Utility Fund

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to transfer \$116,875.22 from the General Fund to the Utility Fund to reimburse the Utility Fund for the Utility Fund CD that matured in July of 2020 and was invested with Trinity Capital on July 28, 2020. (Added 8.18)

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

PUBLIC COMMENT

Re: Rhonda Aime-Gamble

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BUDGET

Re: Proposed Budget Meeting set for August 24 and 26, 2021

RECESS

Re: Recess Meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Piazza to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. until Tuesday August 24, 2021 at 6:30

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Burke, Richardson, and Lafontaine

Voting Nay: None

Absent: Piazza

The foregoing minutes were presented to Mayor Smith on September 8, 2021.

James M. Lagasse
City Clerk

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2021 have been read and approved by me on this, the 8th day of September 2021.

Mike Smith
Mayor

