

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
JANUARY 15, 2019  
5:00 P.M.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN THE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD; ALDERMEN: ALONZO SYKES, DOUG STONE, DAVID EWING, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM AND JIM BUFFINGTON; AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.**

INVOCATION: Alderman David Ewing.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the proposed Minutes dated January 2, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated January 15, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to adjudicate the following properties, as being a public hazard and nuisance and in such a state as to be a menace to the public health and safety of the community; and further directing that said properties be demolished and/or cleaned, as applicable. Building Inspector Roy Haynes stated that he provided the statutory notices to the property owners, and none appeared to contest:

1. Benita, Neal, and Maris Autry, ppin # 8024, parcel # 108Q-34-002-023;
2. Eddie Johnson, ppin # 8148, parcel # 108R-34-007-015.00;
3. Nicholas Smith, ppin # 7197, parcel # 108H-27-016-007.00;
4. Harrison Willis, ppin # 8815, parcel # 112A-03-001-026.00;
5. Tracy A. Howard, ppin # 8925, parcel # 112A-03-007-033.00;
6. Johnnie & Hattie Ware, ppin # 6198, parcel # 107N-35-011-002.00;
7. Clarence Buckingham, ppin # 8312, parcel # 108R-34-002-005.00; and
8. James & Catherine Ivory, ppin # 7058, parcel # 108H-27-006-013.00.

On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Zoning Board member Jim Edwards appeared before the Board of Aldermen to discuss his concerns about a rezoning application submitted by James Bell concerning property adjacent to the Bypass, and about artwork placed on the Studio Art Gallery property occupied by Arni Anderson. After much discussion, the Board of Aldermen requested that these issues be first considered at the next Zoning Board meeting per applicable City Ordinances.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Buffington to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as recommended by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and City Building Inspector Roy Haynes. The City Clerk is authorized to publish the Ordinance in the newspaper and to record the Ordinance in the City Ordinance Book as required by law. On a roll call vote, all present vote "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to remove the following persons as "active" Aberdeen Police Department Auxiliary Police Officers: Jamar Bell, Shawqanelle McClendor, and Christopher Sprayberry. On a roll call vote, all present vote "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to accept the resignation of Sanitation employee Kevin Fair, effective immediately. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Lottie Gladney, effective January 25, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to transfer Cierra Real from part time to fulltime Dispatcher in the Aberdeen Police Department, at the wage of \$10.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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Citizen appearing before the Board of Alderman but not on the printed Agenda:

- Mrs. Jenny Pounders commented that many out of town visitors at the Aberdeen Animal Shelter have complimented the art signage at Arni Anderson's art gallery.
- Mrs. Linda Record stated that the next City garbage clean-up was scheduled March 30, 2019 commencing at the City Hall building at 8:30 a.m.
- Pat Spicer stated that as business owners everyone needed to get along and try to attract business to Aberdeen.
- Several people in attendance complained about their electric utility bills.
- Arni Anderson stated that all of his art signs at the Studio were in compliance with all City Ordinances.
- Ann Tackett stated that she was only the "messenger" concerning the signs at the Studio, and she did not have a personal preference.
- Lady Garth asked whether the recent "Mayors' Convention" meeting that was attended by Alderman Stone was paid for using City funds. She stated that it was illegal for Board members to attend the Mississippi Municipal League meeting.

Alderman Stone commented that the Aberdeen Electric Department debit/credit card machines were not working correctly and they needed to be fixed.

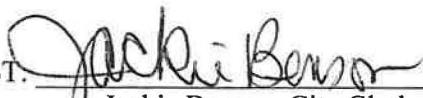
City Clerk Benson read a statement from grant writer Teresa Baker who said she was not able to attend the Board meeting on Tuesday evening.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to adopt a temporary policy not to assess late fees or cut off a person's utility service who had been unable to pay their utility bill due to the City's non-functioning debit/credit card machine. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Sykes to adjourn until the February 5, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

  
Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST.

  
Jackie Benson, City Clerk