

MINUTES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOOK NO. 19

DEMENT-MERIDIAN 61-2994

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 19, 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 Jim Buffington.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to approve the proposed Minutes dated February 5, 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 February 19, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Leigh Matthews appeared before the Board of Aldermen and asked for a \$1,500.00 donation in support of the Junior Beta Club, an academic honors program at the Aberdeen Belle-Shivers Middle School, specifically to help the students with the costs associated with attending the statewide convention in Biloxi.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to donate \$1,500.00 to the Junior Beta Club/ Aberdeen Belle-Shivers Middle School for school and academic expenses. On a roll call vote, all present "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize an application to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, requesting a Certified Local Government Grant to fund a project to refurbish and re-paint the Aberdeen City Hall, with a 50 % match requirement. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to employ Calvin Parker as a fulltime Laborer in the Aberdeen Water Department at the wage of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to employ Markecia N. Polk as a part-time Dispatcher in the Aberdeen Police Department at the wage of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Sykes stated that drainage along the City Street at 1406 MLK Street should be inspected and reported flood damage to the house at that location. Alderman Sykes also stated that he had been informed by an employee at the Aberdeen Electric Department Office stated that they needed part-time help to improve some customer service practices.

Alderman Stone stated that an Aberdeen Clean-up Day would be scheduled March 30, 2019. Alderman Stone also stated that the privately owned Eastside Cemetery needs to be cleaned up.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to establish an Aberdeen Beautification Program, with employee assignments and responsibilities effective March 1, 2019. Public Works Assistant Lartridge will be the direct supervisor of this Beautification Program, and will report to the Public Works Department Director Boone. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Aberdeen Beautification Program will consist of scheduling and reassignment of the mowing crews to mow and clean specific areas in the City of Aberdeen. The supervisors are to lay out maps and routes of clean-up/mowing responsibilities, etc., as directed.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to authorize the installation of a speed bump on Forrest Street, between Chafee and Columbus Streets. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye", except Alderman Buffington who voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Parks and Recreation Department employee Bobby Smith. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning Parks and Recreation Department employee Bobby Smith.

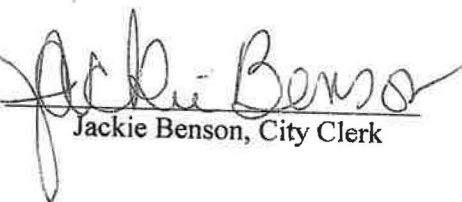
A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

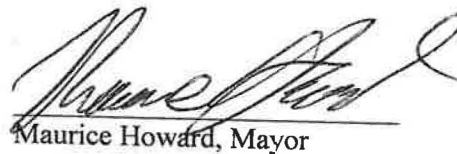
A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to reassign Parks and Recreation Department employee Bobby Smith to the Aberdeen Public Works/Beautification Program effective immediately. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to employ Terry Morgan as an Assistant Parks and Recreation Department Director at the wage of \$12.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

ATTEST:


Jackie Benson, City Clerk


Maurice Howard, Mayor