

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
APRIL 2, 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, ALDERMAN ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERMAN DAVID EWING, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON; AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

INVOCATION: Alderman Jim Buffington.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 2, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Gail Dalrymple with the Aberdeen Pilgrimage Committee thanked the Mayor and Board for their continued support of the Aberdeen Pilgrimage. Dalrymple announced several Pilgrimage homes and activities and invited all to attend.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize Mayor Howard to execute the "ROADWAY MILL & OVERLAY PROGRAM - 2019 ANNUAL BID" contract between the City of Aberdeen and Gregory Companies LLC Murphree Paving. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve the City - MDOT Sidewalk Project per recommendation of Engineer Dustin Dabbs. There will be a funds matching requirement, possibly as low as a 12 percent match. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Sykes to authorize a contract with M&M Construction, Tupelo, MS to repair the Aberdeen Fire Department building at a cost of \$9,800.00. M&M Construction submitted the lowest bid and was recommended by Engineer Dustin Dabbs who developed the specifications for the repair work, and will monitor the repair work. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: *Nichell Reel* - Dispatcher Class - Tupelo, MS - May 6/10, 2019; and Brian Sanders - TVPPA - Brentwood, TN - April 23/25, and April 2/4, 2019, and CSA - Perdido Beach, AL - June 23/27, 2019. 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 Aberdeen Sanitation Department employee Fredrich Fair effective immediately. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to raise the wages of Aberdeen Police Officers Brandi Sain and Santana Scales, to \$13.00 per hour, due to their graduation from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Citizens appearing before the Board of Aldermen and not on the printed Agenda:

- Mrs. Linda Record announced the next City wide clean-up was scheduled June 22, 2019 and invited everyone to attend and participate. Record said 45 volunteers participated during the March 30 Citywide clean-up day.
- Mrs. Ann Tackett thanked Supervisor Boone and all the City workers "for getting the town so pretty for the upcoming Pilgrimage".
- Brick Young asked why the City Pit Bull Dog Ordinance was not being strictly enforced. Young identified two owners of Pitbull dogs in his neighborhood that were not in compliance with the City Ordinance, and complained that he had reported these matters and that no actions had been taken to require compliance. Alderman Buffington stated the City would enforce its Ordinance.
- Mrs. Robbie Huffman asked whether the City would be interested in purchasing the old service station property downtown at the intersection of Commerce and Maple Streets.

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Alderman Sykes thanked the City Aberdeen Beautification Department for stepping up and cleaning the streets for the upcoming Pilgrimage.

Alderman Stone commented that "Mothers of Vision and Men of Vision" were doing a great job in helping the community.

Alderman Ewing commented that the Huffman building was the first African American mechanic shop in town, operated by Roger Cooperwood. Alderman Ewing also commented about the location of the first African American library in town, and stated that the City should consider development of museums devoted to the history of Aberdeen.

Alderwoman Odom stated that she was excited about City programs and City projects in the near future for the City of Aberdeen.

Alderman Buffington stated that the Aberdeen Board of Aldermen is working well together and that this is a very good Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to adopt a Proclamation honoring the late Preston C. Belle for his service to the community. Belle served as Principal at Vine Street Elementary School and also served as Principal at the Aberdeen Shivers High School. Belle was also a City of Aberdeen police officer. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, 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".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue concerning the Park and Recreation Department and to interview an applicant interested in employment in the Aberdeen Sanitation Department. 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 the Park and Recreation Department and to interview an applicant interested in employment in the Aberdeen Sanitation Department.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to advertise for persons interested in employment as the Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department gym supervisor. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

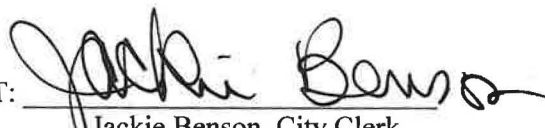
A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Buffington to establish a \$100.00 petty cash fund for Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department concessions. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to contract with Margie Clay to provide services as the Summer Camp Coordinator for the Aberdeen Park and Recreation Department and to write a program for the Department, at a onetime fee of \$1,750.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to employ James Pulliam Jr. as a Backman in the Aberdeen Sanitation Department at a wage of \$9.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to recess until the April 16, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

ATTEST:


Jackie Benson, City Clerk


Maurice Howard, Mayor