

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
SEPTEMBER 4, 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:

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.

ABSENT: MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD.

INVOCATION: ALDERMAN DAVID EWING.

Vice Mayor Alonzo Sykes chaired the Meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated August 21, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated September 4, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom 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 no one appeared to contest:

- 1.) Hansel Wiggins, Dennis Moore, PPIN # 6727, parcel # 108G-27-001-007.00, 605 North Matubba Street;
- 2.) Brenda Thurston, PPIN # 6131, parcel #107M-35-024-002.00, 403 S. Maple Street;
- 3.) Rufus B. Haughton, PPIN # 24045, parcel # 108H-27-016-008.01, 301 N. Long Street;
- 4.) Robert E Hawkins, PPIN # 32317, parcel # 107L-35-001-001.06, 405 E. Hwy 145 N.

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to declare old vehicle parts at the City mechanic shop to be surplus, property which has ceased to be used for public purposes and no longer useful; and to authorize the sale of the surplus personal property for scrap. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, 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: Samona Johnson - Customer Service and Jackie Benson Human Resource - November 6-8, 2019 Franklin, TN; Jackie Benson - Clerks Update - December 11-13, 2019; Brian Sanders - Manager Meeting - October 23-25, 2019 Oxford, MS. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to advertise for persons interested in employment as a Fireman in the Aberdeen Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to table the employment of Aberdeen Police Department Officers pending interviews of the applicants by the Board of Aldermen. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize newspaper notices (for three weeks) for quotes for the sale of vacant City lots located at 503 N. James Street Aberdeen, Mississippi, PPIN #7155, parcel #108H-27-010-055.00; and PPIN #7156; parcel # 108H-27-010-056.00. The Board finds that the property is not needed for municipal purposes, and that the proposed use of the property will promote development and improvement of the community. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Aldermen Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to table authorization for the purchase of a trailer for the Aberdeen Public Works Department until competitive quotes can be received and reviewed. On a roll vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize an application to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, requesting a Grant to fund remaining work on the Aberdeen the M&O Depot, with the City matching requirement not to exceed the sum of \$72,000.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

- Kirk Mercussen stated that the old skating rink had hosted a family reunion over the past weekend, and that there were too many cars parked along the single street. He also suggested that consideration be given to constructing a turn lane on Highway 145 and Matubba Street.
- Sharton Crosby asked for volunteers to assist the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. She also stated that there were free GED classes offered at the Aberdeen School if anyone was interested.
- Collette Haynes asked the Aberdeen Police Department to be present during the bus pick up and off of students at the Highway 25 stop, by the Texaco station, for safety reasons.

Alderman Stone asked everyone to "shop local" to help increase the sales tax base.

Alderwoman Odom also asked citizens to shop local.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, 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 Alderman Ewing to go into Executive Session to discuss an Industrial Property Sale Contract with Sonny Long and a Facility Use/Lease Agreement with Charles Scott regarding City properties. 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 an Industrial Property Sale Contract with Sonny Long and a Facility Use/Lease Agreement with Charles Scott regarding City properties.

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to approve a facility use and lease agreement with Aberdeen Forces Sports Association of America LLC (Charles Scott) for the "Aberdeen Open" Event on October 19, 2019. Aberdeen Forces Sports Association of America LLC will be credited for the use or rental fees due to certain rehabilitation and repairs to be done at the Aberdeen Sports Complex and fields. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Ewing to recess until the September 10, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Jackie Benson, City Clerk