

MINUTES, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOOK NO. 19

DEMENT-MERIDIAN 61-2994

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
NOVEMBER 5, 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 Doug Stone.

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Minutes dated October 15, 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 November 5, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to award the contract for the striping of the recently paved Vine, Maple and Meridian Streets in the amount of \$12,207.50 to Riverside Traffic. The other quote received was J. C. Cheek Contractors, Inc. for \$ 17,532.50. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to table discussion concerning the High Extension culvert repair project until the next Board meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Stone to award the contract for the Walters Drive drainage improvements project in the amount of \$24,990.00 to Hanna Construction. The other quote received was Hodges Construction, LLC, for \$29,550.00. 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: Board of Aldermen, Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney - MML Jackson, MS 01/ 14-16, 2020; Jackie Benson - Clerk Update - Jackson, MS 12/ 12-14, 2019; Annea Vance and Janel Davidson - Dispatcher Certification - 11/ 11-15/2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Stone to adopt the State of Mississippi's legal holidays for Thanksgiving, Christmas. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Sykes, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the purchase of two trailers from Big Tex Trailer World, Pelham, Alabama, including one 7x12 trailer for the Sanitation Department, for a price of \$7,022.50. The other quote received was from Tombigbee Used Cars, Columbus, MS - \$7,800.00. The other Big Tex trailer, a Hauler 7000 # with ramps for the Water Department, will be purchased for a price of \$4,889.50. The other quote received was from Cory Herring Automotive, Columbus, MS - \$7,750.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Buffington, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize a 3 year term Facility Use and Non-Exclusive Rental Agreement with Armed Forces Sports Association of America LLC (Principal - Charles Scott) concerning the City of Aberdeen Sports Complex and athletic fields. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize the repair work of the Aberdeen Sports Complex restrooms to Lee's Backhoe & Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200.00. The other quote received was from Evans Plumbing and A/C in the amount of \$8,478.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Sykes to authorize the 3 year term renewal of the Facilities Solutions Agreement contract with Cintas Uniforms, including the US Community State contract pricing. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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Citizens appearing before the board but not appearing on the printed agenda:

- Lady Garth asked why had someone contacted the State Auditor on the Mayor, and complained that that the matter had only embarrassed the Aldermen.
- Lee Turnage asked why some of the traffic signs in town had not been replaced. He stated that some traffic signs were so worn out that they could not be read.
- An unidentified citizen complained about the speed bumps installed on Forrest Street and requested that the speed bumps be removed.
- Linda Record complained that City workers were not stopping City vehicles at traffic stop signs, and that were people were operating off road vehicles on City streets in her neighborhood.
- Justin Crosby asked whether the City should buy speed breakers in bulk.

Mayor Howard commented regarding "a few of these trips that are in question", "several other Aldermen including Lady Garth were there" and witnessed him being there. Mayor Howard stated that he had "receipts from every hotel" and that he had "all the documentation". He also stated he was accompanied by Justin Crosby. Mayor Howard requested that the Board have a legal matter dismissed.


Alderman Stone proposed that speed bumps on Hardy Street be replaced. Alderman Stone also read the new garbage pickup up schedule and rules provided by the Public Works Department, and asked that the schedule and rules be published in the newspaper.

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Sykes to replace the speed bumps on Hardy Street. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye", except Alderman Buffington who voted "Nay".


A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to advertise the Sanitation garbage pickup up schedule and rules in the Monroe Journal newspaper as a ¼ page notice for two times. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to approve Monroe County to pave the Martin Luther King basketball court in the amount of \$10,400.00 with the funds that were donated from the community. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Buffington to recess until the November 19, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jackie Benson, City Clerk