

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
NOVEMBER 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:

VICE MAYOR ALONZO SYKES, ALDERMAN DOUG STONE, ALDERMAN DAVID EWING, AND ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, AND JACKIE BENSON, CITY CLERK; AND ROBERT FAULKS, CITY ATTORNEY.

ABSENT: MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD AND ALDERMAN JIM BUFFINGTON.

INVOCATION: Alderman Doug Stone.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Stone; seconded by Alderman Ewing 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 Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to authorize the purchase of a box culvert required for the High Extension Street/culvert repair project from Lees Concrete in the amount of \$33,000.00 and to award the construction contract for the High Street/ culvert installation/with concrete wing walls to Hanna Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$31,650.00. The other quotes received were from B & B Concrete Co., Inc. in the amount of \$33,800.00 for the box culvert, and James A. Hodges Construction, Saltillo, MS in the amount of \$34,900.00 for the construction. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to accept the resignation of Aberdeen Police Officer J. Morgan Strain. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderman Ewing, seconded by Alderman Stone to select Ameritas Insurance Company to provide the City of Aberdeen's dental and vision insurance for employees effective January 1, 2020 and Kennedy Financial Group to act as the insurance administrator. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Roy Haynes and Norris James - Building Official Conference - Oxford, MS - December 4-6, 2019; and Brian Sanders - CSA Briefing - Franklin, TN - December 3-4, 2019. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize a professional services contract with Neel Schaffer, Inc. (Engineers) to conduct an H&H Study, as requested by FEMA, on the Aberdeen Port Road culvert, at a cost of \$14,900.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to authorize the temporary closure of Meridian Street on December 12, 2019 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for the Main Street "Jingle & Mingle". On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Alderman Stone advised that the Aberdeen ROTC had asked to "post colors" at the next Board meeting.

Alderman Ewing proposed that some of the inmate laborers working on Aberdeen Park and Recreation projects be assigned to Aberdeen Public Works projects. Alderman Ewing also asked about the status of researching and planning of a museum concerning the first Aberdeen African American Library.

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A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing 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 personnel issues regarding Aberdeen Police Department employee Cierra Real and Aberdeen Sanitation Department employee Pacall Parks, and an industrial prospect interested in leasing City of Aberdeen property. 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 personnel issues regarding Aberdeen Police Department employee Cierra Real and Aberdeen Sanitation Department employee Pacall Parks, and an industrial prospect interested in leasing City of Aberdeen property.

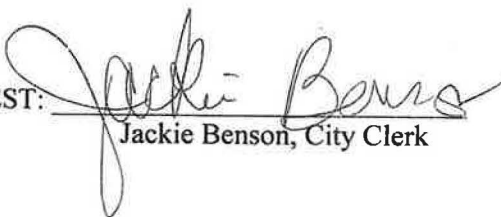
A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to suspend Aberdeen Sanitation Department employee Pacall Parks for seven days without pay for violation of City policy. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Ewing to adjourn until the December 3, 2019 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jackie Benson, City Clerk