

REGULAR BOARD MEETING**CITY HALL COURT ROOM****JULY 21, 2020****5:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN THE CITY HALL COURT ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR MAURICE HOWARD, ALDERMAN NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN; CITY ATTORNEY WALTER H. ZINN, JR., KAREN CRUMP, COMPTROLLER.

Invocation: Alderman Edward Haynes

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve minutes dated July 7, 2020, July 9, 2020, and July 14, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to pay bills to proper vendors. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to rescind the appointment of Tamanda Griffin as City Clerk and for her to retain her position as Utilities Accountant; also, to post and advertise for a City Clerk. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye", Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen vote "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the application of Eddrick Howard to rezone his property on 311 Burnett Street and Columbus Street from R3 to C4. The Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Board are in favor of the re-zoning. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Monroe Journal and posted at the site by the Zoning Administrator/ Building Inspector. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes for Richard Boone to attend the American Public Works Association class online via Zoom on August 17, 2020 through August 19, 2020. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to table the Marijuana Ordinance. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth for approval to relinquish the city's interest in the buildings and property in Prairie, MS to the Monroe County Board of Supervisors in exchange for the county's interest in the Holley Performance Building to the City of Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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Darryl Price wanted to know why Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen were against reinstating the Mayor's salary.

Brenda Harrison complained about the excessive amount of garbage around town and on the highway.

William Justice complained about excessive speeding and residence performing auto repair work in a residential area.

Aldermen Input:

Alderman Holliday asked for everyone to give the Board time to address different issues and to remember that change will not happen overnight.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to appoint Walter H. Zinn, Jr. to City Prosecutor at a term of four years and to add a term of four years to the appointment of Judge Adrian Haynes. On a roll call vote, all present "Aye".

Alderman Haynes stated he needs help with potholes throughout the city and speed bumps on Hillcrest Drive.

Alderwoman Odom stated she thought there was a spending freeze and wanted to know why so much spending is going on and would like to discuss at a later date.

Alderman Allen stated that speeding is outrageous and the police cannot make it to a call fast enough. He also stated he received a few complaints about the speed bump on Fair Oak and the residents wanted it removed. Alderman Allen also asked City Attorney Walter H. Zinn, Jr. if he had provided the city with his legal services contract. Mr. Zinn stated no.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to authorize the City to advertise for competitive contractor quotes for the Walters Drive Drainage project and for the Washington Street Demo and Replace Concrete project. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, 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 Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to adjourn until the August 4, 2020 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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Maurice Howard, Mayor

ATTEST:

