

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## CITY HALL BOARD ROOM

February 2, 2021

5:00 P.M.

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

VICE-MAYOR LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN, CITY ATTORNEY WALTER ZINN, JR., MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK AND BARBARA VASSER, DEPUTY CITY CLERK.

Serving as Vice-Mayor: Lady B. Garth

Invocation: Alderman Haynes

## ROLL CALL

No motion or vote was made to approve minutes dated January 19, 2021. Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen thought they were voting to table the 3S Contract in the last meeting. Alderman Haynes asked to rescind his motion from the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting on the 3S Contract, and allow us to hear Mr. Stewart's presentation. Attorney Zinn, Jr. told the Board it's best to table this and discuss it further in Executive Session. Alderman Haynes asked that we table this item and come back to it in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to pay bills to proper vendors. Alderman Allen approved all bills except M&J Lawn Service. Alderwoman Odom approved all bills except travel to MML on former Mayor Maurice Howard. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve to advertise for full-time Fireman for the Aberdeen Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve beer permit for Texaco Food Mart, Aberdeen, MS. The motion by Alderman Holliday, and seconded by Alderman Allen was withdrawn because Deputy Clerk Barbara Vasser informed the Board the owners of Texaco hasn't acquired their Privilege License with the City of Aberdeen and Beer Permit with the State of Mississippi.

A motion was made by Alderwoman <sup>Allen</sup>~~Garth~~, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve to advertise for full-time Fireman for the Aberdeen Fire Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve to advertise land sale and accept bid(s) on PPIN# 8252 / Parcel# 108R-34-015-014.00. Alderman Haynes said to advertise for fourteen (14) days. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to retain Ann Tackett for the Aberdeen Housing Authority Board. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday voted "Nay".

The Board discussed paying the City employees for their unused vacation time for the calendar year 2020 with the Cares Act Relief Funds. Alderman Allen said he has no problem with it if the City can use the Cares Act Relief Funds for this. Alderman Allen asked Attorney Zinn, Jr. if he will research and let the Board know. Attorney Zinn, Jr. said okay.

The update for Enviro-Builders was tabled until next meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to approve supplies purchased for the Water Department in the amount of \$5,578.29. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Holliday to accept lowest bid from Precision Communications, Amory, MS in the amount of \$32,909.76 on restoring the AMI Antennas. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to begin qualifying date of February 12, 2021 for the Special Election of Mayor. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen, Alderman Haynes and Alderman Holliday voted "Aye". Alderwoman Odom voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to begin qualifying date of February 12, 2021; qualifying end date will be March 3, 2021, and the election will be March 16, 2021 for the Special Election. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Board allowed H&M Janitorial Services, Owner/Operator Willie Stewart to do a presentation on safety in the workplace as it relates to COVID19, Influenza A&B, SARS, MRSA, and other viruses. Mr. Stewart quoted the Board a price of \$16,800.00 per year.

**Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:**

Alderman Allen informed the Board on policy and procedures as it relates to a position being vacant, and under the State statues, the Board has ten (10) days to establish the dates of an election. It has to be more than thirty (30) days, but less than forty-five (45) days. Alderman Allen told the Board a member of the Election Committee was here to provide us with the dates about the Special Election. Jennifer Rollison informed the Board on the policy and procedures as it relates to a Special Election, and the dates to keep us in compliance. Coy Flynn told the Board everyone will be rushed in getting everything needed for this election.

Alderwoman Odom had a number of calls on the drive at the cemetery on Highway 8. It's washed away, there's nothing there. Alderwoman Odom asked Madam Vice-Mayor to talk with Mr. Boone and get some gravel out there on that drive, please. Vice-Mayor Garth said she talked with Mr. Boone this morning. Alderwoman Odom asked Chief Randle do you remember two weeks ago we were told this citation would be taken care of. Chief Henry Randle said it would be taken care of in the morning, and you can hold me accountable. Alderwoman Odom told Chief Randle I do not want to see this in the package two weeks from now. Chief Randle told Alderwoman Odom you'll see the receipt in the morning.

Alderman Haynes is requesting a department head managers meeting tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. here in the Board Room. Alderman Haynes been looking at the handbook, and jotted down some notes and typo errors to straighten out. Once they have been corrected, I will send everyone a copy to review, between now and next Board Meeting. Alderman Haynes said we need to make laws on some of this stuff, and at next Board Meeting we have ran into some brick walls and we can solve this. We need to put it in policy, because if it isn't in black and white, it's not right. Alderman Haynes asked City Clerk Melissa Moore if the vehicle was returned to the Electric Department. He was told yes. Also, to check on all the other equipment that belongs to the City. Alderman Haynes informed everyone that he was served today by the State Auditor's Department, and I will answer to my portion of what I taken place to be able to do. Moving forward, I will guarantee you one thing, you will not trick me again.

Alderman Holliday didn't have anything at this time.

**Vice-Mayor Report**

Vice-Mayor Lady B. Garth will discuss her issues in Executive Session.

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to enter into Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to come out of Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Holliday to enter into Executive Session to discuss Morgan Landing Sports Complex. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Allen to give Park and Recreation Director Michelle Stewart two days off with no pay and a write-up for using a flex time schedule the City didn't authorize. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen, Alderwoman Odom, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday recused his vote.

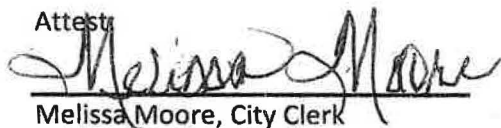
A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Haynes to terminate the Mayor's Secretary Travette Caradine, and allowing her to do a two-week notice. On a roll call vote, Alderman Allen, Alderwoman Odom, and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday recused his vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Allen to adjourn until the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".



Lady B. Garth, Vice- Mayor

Attest



Melissa Moore, City Clerk