

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM  
March 15, 2022  
5:00 P.M.**

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

**MAYOR CHARLES SCOTT, ALDERMAN ROBERT DEVAULL, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN ALLEN, MELISSA MOORE, CITY CLERK, AND CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT FAULKS.**

Invocation: LaMarcus Thompson.

**ROLL CALL.**

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to approve the proposed Minutes dated March 1, 2022. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the proposed Special Call Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2022. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Allen to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated March 15, 2022. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize payments for closing costs in the amounts of \$526.00 each, to purchase real estate tracts from Jeffrey Ausborn and Stevens Properties LLC. Payments are to be funded from the Aberdeen Electric Department and the Aberdeen Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize the purchase of a 1.85-acre real estate tract, surveyed by Dustin Dabbs, from Stevens Properties LLC for the price of \$23,125.00. Payment is to be funded from the Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to accept the resignation of City employee David Young. His last date of work is March 25, 2022. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Haynes to post and advertise for persons interested in employment as a Laborer in the Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Devaull to post and advertise for persons interested in employment as an Administrative Clerk in the Accounting Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Mayor Charles Scott, Alderwomen/ Alderman Carolyn Odom, Lady B. Garth and Edward Haynes - the Mississippi Economic Development Council Economic Leaders Forum, Starkville, MS / March 30-31, 2022. The cost is \$99.00 per person. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to "table" discussion concerning the application of Torrey Boykins to rezone R-1 zoned property, situated adjacent to Highway 45 and owned by Torrey Boykins, to C-2. The owner proposes to build the "Stratos Lounge" on this property if this rezoning is approved. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Nay". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to decline the application of Torrey Boykins to rezone the R-1 zoned property owned by Torrey Boykins to C-2. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye" to decline the rezoning application. Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Tina Robbins - Welcome Home Mississippi Directors Spring Treat, Natchez, MS / April 7-8, 2022; and MS Tourism Association Spring Summit, Natchez, MS / April 12-14, 2022. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Christopher Dobbins - MASRO 2022 Training Conference, Biloxi, MS / July 11-15, 2022. The registration fee is \$395.00 and the hotel fee is \$1088.56. Christopher Dobbins - the Active Shooter - Level One, Biloxi, MS / July 9-10, 2022 (No cost for this class). On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaull, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Lee Johnson - MASRO 2022 Training Conference, Biloxi, MS / July 11-15, 2022. The registration fee is \$395.00 and the hotel fee is \$1088.56. Lee Johnson - the Active Shooter - Level One, Biloxi, MS / July 9-10, 2022 (No cost for this class). On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Devaull to authorize the following City employees/officials to attend the following meetings or classes, and pay all necessary expenses according to state guidelines: Building Inspector Roy Haynes - Building Officials Association of MS Summer Conference, Gulfport, MS / June 13-17, 2022. The registration fee is \$175.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to authorize an agreement with Ten and One Strategies to act as a consultant. The fee is \$4,000.00 through the first Legislative Session, to be paid from the ARPA Funds. On a roll call vote, Alderman Devaull, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Allen voted "Aye". Alderwoman Garth and Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Haynes to authorize an extension of the mosquito control contract with James Management Pest Management for the service dates of April 1, 2022 thru October 31, 2022. The cost is \$2,580.00 per month for seven months totaling \$18,060.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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**Mayor Report:** Mayor Scott stated the Let's Get Clean Aberdeen Community Clean Up Day is scheduled Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Mayor Scott is asking everyone to please take part in cleaning up their neighborhood.

Tina Robbins informed the Board of the following events:

1. 2-Hour Golf Clinic on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.
2. Mental Health Matters on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 10:00 am.
3. Let's Get Clean Aberdeen Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 8:00 am -10:00 am.
4. Taste of the Sip on Saturday, March 19, 2022 and Sunday, March 20, 2022.

Tina Robbins stated that the Aberdeen Visitor's Bureau has been awarded a Cultural Tourism Grant by the Mississippi Hills Heritage Alliance in the amount of \$4,000.00.

**Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:**

**Alderman Devaull:** Alderman Devaull reminded Boone and the Street Department about potholes in Ward One, and asked citizens in Ward One to please be patient. The potholes cannot be repaired when it's raining, and when the holes are full of water. Alderman Devaull commented that Dustin Dabbs has a task to look at all the streets in Aberdeen.

**Alderwoman Garth:** Alderwoman Garth asked Mayor Scott if he can call the vendor and ask the vendor to provide three more days of training City employees to operate the Hotbox equipment. Mayor Scott stated he will give the vendor a call.

**Alderman Haynes:** Alderman Haynes thanked in advance the citizens in Ward Three for the cleanup that is scheduled for Saturday, and the cleanup they have already been doing in their neighborhoods. Alderman Haynes requested the return of the City volleyball net back in place at Newberger Park.

**Alderwoman Odom:** Alderwoman Odom stated she does not have anything to report at this time.

**Alderman Allen:** Alderman Allen also stated he does not have anything to report at this time.

**Citizen's Input:**

Jim Edwards stated he has a personnel issue he would like to discuss in Executive Session.

Attorney Demario Reddick requested that a personnel issue concerning Barry McMillian be discussed in Executive Session.

Karen Pargo stated she has a utility service billing in the amount of \$4,946.40, and "would like for someone to explain this balance to her". Pargo contended this billing is not her responsibility, and it is preventing her from receiving utility service at another address. Mayor Scott asked LaMarcus Thompson, General Manager of Public Utilities, to explain the balance due. Thompson stated Pargo has two accounts dating back to 2008-2009 in the "Bad Debt" category that must be paid before Pargo can establish new utility service at a new address. Mayor Scott asked Pargo to discuss the billing on Thursday at his office.

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A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom to enter into a closed determination to determine whether to go into Executive Session.

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Garth, seconded by Alderman Devaul to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay raise to Police Dispatcher April McMillian for attaining a Certification. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".


A motion was made by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Devaul to employ Kevin Smiley, Carson Gunn and Thomas Humbers as full-time police officers for the Aberdeen Police Department at a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Devaul, seconded by Alderman Allen to employ Rahn Giddens as a part-time police officer for the Aberdeen Police Department at a pay rate of \$15.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Allen to adjourn until the April 5, 2022 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

  
Charles Scott, Mayor

Attest:

  
Melissa Moore, City Clerk