

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

March 19, 2024

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 NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN LADY B. GARTH, ALDERMAN EDWARD HAYNES, ALDERWOMAN CAROLYN ODOM, ALDERMAN JOHN CAIN, CITY CLERK MELISSA MOORE, AND CITY ATTORNEY WALTER H. ZINN, JR.

Invocation: Mayor Charles Scott.

ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve the Agenda minus line items #9, #10, #16, #17, and #19 in its form, but if any new business came before the Board we're allowed to discuss it in detail and amend the Agenda at that time. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve the proposed Minutes dated March 5, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated March 19, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve and authorize the adding of the HVAC Repairs in the amount of \$8,800.00 to the Contract Change Order for Brown and Sons. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Haynes to approve the PORT DOCK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 - DOLPHIN REHABILITATION PHILLIPS CONTRACTING COMPANY – PAY REQUEST NO. 4 & 5 (FINAL) in the amount of \$33,558.56. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the Travel request for Ms. Tina Robbins to attend the MS Tourism Spring Conference, Philadelphia, MS / April 2-4, 2024 / Registration Fee: \$225.00 / Hotel Fee; \$131.00 each night. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderwoman Odom, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the Travel request for Ms. Tina Robbins to attend the Welcome Home Mississippi Directors Retreat, Cleveland, MS / April 24-25, 2024 / Registration Fee: \$0.00 / Hotel Fee: \$107.00 each night. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Fire Chief Fred Hodges to attend the 87th Mississippi Fire Chief's Conference, Natchez, MS / May 29-June 2, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

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A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the Commercial Mosquito Management Agreement given by James Pest Management for the service period April 1, 2024 thru October 31, 2024 in the amount of \$2,580.00 times 7mths totaling \$18,060.00 with the removal of the three **Questions To be answered By Customer**. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the CINTAS Standard Rental Service Agreement for a term of 60 months from date of installation. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve WestLake Chemicals & Vinyls, LLC Plant Application RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES in the amount of \$9,641,283 for ten (10) years. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve Officer Hunter Sullivan resignation with his last date being March 26, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to TABLE the CID position until the next administration. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Garth, Alderman Haynes, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Holliday voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the advertisement for police officers for the Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the Privilege License Delinquent Letter, and the business owner has **10 days** to contact the City Clerk's Office and make payment before any further actions are taken against the business owner. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the City of Aberdeen Equipment, Auto Coverage, and Water & Wastewater Insurance Policy submitted by West Central Insurance Company, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$76,987.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Haynes, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the advertisement for a part-time janitor position through TKO Staffing to clean the City Hall and Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve the hiring of Mr. Andrew Garvin to train the Poll Workers at a rate of pay of \$200.00, and the Resolution Board needs to be a part of the training. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve and increase the Poll Workers pay from \$125.00/day to \$175.00/day. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Recuse".

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, no second was given to approve and pay Poll Workers Timesheets at the night of Board Meeting on April 2, 2024. Alderman Cain withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Odom to approve for one 25mph Speed Limit sign to be installed in his neighborhood on Woodland Height Street. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to approve the refund in the amount of \$200.00 to Ms. Felicia Rice for the rental of High Street Community Center. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to accept the resignation on Mr. Warren Myles with his last date being April 1, 2024. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Mayor Report: Mayor Scott invited Matt Wood, CPA from ATA, PLLC to share with the Board the **City of Aberdeen, Mississippi Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2022, the Final City of Aberdeen, Mississippi Electric Department 2023 Report, and the 2023 Final Draft of the City of Aberdeen, Mississippi Financial Statements and Supplementary Information.**

Mayor Scott invited Ms. Tina Robbins to update the Board on events for the City of Aberdeen. Ms. Robbins shared the following events:

1. Book Lunches Are Back!!!
2. The City of Aberdeen State of the City Address
3. Aberdeen Church of Christ Easter Egg Hunt Kids Party
4. Movies at the Elkin
5. NAACP Candidates for Alderperson Q & A
6. Hello Spring -- Aberdeen First
7. Let's Get Clean Aberdeen – Community Clean – Up Day

Ms. Robbins presented a Contract Change Order to the Board form Cook Development LLC in the amount of \$8,800.00 for HVAC Repairs. Ms. Robbins shared with the Board that Sister Corps is in town this week to help with construction behind Eight Days of Hope. Ms. Robbins shared with the Board the Lighting on Meridian Street dedication will be held on April 4, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

Mayor Scott shared with the Board the update on the Dock and the conversation he had with Senator Roger Wicker regarding the funding to help with the repairs at the Port of Aberdeen.

Mayor Scott shared with the Board the City of Aberdeen State of the City Address and Let's Get Clean Aberdeen Community Clean-Up.

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Aldermen/Alderwomen Input:

Alderman Holliday: Alderman Holliday thanked the Street Department for staying on top and maintaining the curbs and sidewalks with the grass growing up between them. Alderman Holliday thanked Mr. Boone and his crew for their hard work, and hope to find funds to purchase equipment needed for his department. Alderman Holliday thanked Mr. Thompson and his crew for all their hard work they do for the City of Aberdeen. Alderman Holliday wanted to clear up his statement regarding WestLake. Alderman Holliday stated he has nothing against WestLake, and all he was asking for is a little help and incentives so appreciation can be shown to the employees of the City of Aberdeen.

Alderwoman Garth: Alderwoman Garth thanked the candidates of Ward Two for a wonderful meeting at the NAACP Q & A. Alderwoman Garth asked Chief Hodges about the fire hydrants on Cook Subdivision, and the concerns of the Jones and McMillian that resides on Cook Subdivision Alderwoman Garth asked Mr. Boone to go to Ms. Idella Curry and attend to the concerns she has at her residence. Alderwoman Garth asked Mayor Scott to ask Mr. Roy Haynes to provide a copy of the Rummage Sale Ordinance to the resident that resides on Columbus Street regarding his frequent yard sales. Alderwoman Garth reminded everyone of the NAACP Q & A for Ward Three is tonight First MB Church @ 6:30pm.

Alderman Haynes: Alderman Haynes inquired about the ice machine being ordered for Public Works. Alderman Haynes inquired about the part-time janitor position being advertised through TKO Staffing for the City Hall. Alderman Haynes thanked the Aberdeen Police Department for addressing the matter at Aberdeen Park & Recreation Gym in a timely and careful manner. Alderman Haynes mentioned the recurring pothole on Vine Street in front of Payne's Place, and asked that it be checked out.

Alderwoman Odom: Alderwoman Odom didn't have anything to report at this time.

Alderman Cain: Alderman Cain personally apologized to the Mayor, Board of Alderpersons and everyone present at the last Board Meeting for his wrongful behavior. Alderman Cain asked everyone to please vote on April 2, 2024. Alderman Cain was asked by several Poll Workers regarding the Poll Worker's Training, and motioned for Mr. Andrew Garvin be hired to train Poll Workers at a pay in the amount of \$200.00. Alderman Cain asked to increase the Poll Workers pay from \$125.00 to \$175.00 per day. Alderman Cain asked that Poll Workers pay sheets be given that night to the City Clerk's Office. Alderman Cain would like for a 25mph speed limit sign to be installed in his neighborhood on Woodland Heights Street. Alderman Cain stated he received calls of concern about the parking on the side of Highway 145 in front of Henry's Bar and Grill, and would like for No parking signs to be placed along the highway. Alderman Cain invited Mr. Jaton to the Board Meeting to express his concern about the fire at his home on August 19, 2023.

Citizen's Input:

Mr. Juton expressed his concern to the Mayor and Board about the fire at his home on August 19, 2023.

Mrs. Provias asked the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons about the burnt remains of the old Big Star Building.

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday to enter into a closed determination to ascertain whether or not if we need to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring for a laborer for Public Works. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Garth to come out of closed determination. The matter of hiring a laborer for Public Works will be discussed at a later time. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to adjourn until the April 2, 2024 Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Garth, Alderwoman Odom and Alderman Cain voted "Aye". Alderman Haynes voted "Nay".



Charles Scott, Mayor

Attest:



Melissa Moore, City Clerk