MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD ON JUNE 19, 2017

The Regular Board Meeting was held in the Brandon City Hall Boardroom, 1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, Mississippi. The meeting was led by Mayor Butch Lee. Aldermen Christopher, Dobbs, Morris, Williams, Vinson, and Coker were present. Alderman Corley was absent. John Clendinning led the prayer and Mayor Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comments/ Recognitions: Willis Johnson introduced Members of the Pearl River Woodcarvers Guild, James Bouie, John Harris, Wade Bouie, Kendall Winstead, Bob May, Ricky Gray, Buck Ross, Mike Mayberry and Tom Bowman. Jimmy Stark, 55 Sunline Drive, thanked all department heads and discussed an issue with his neighbor’s pool leaking at 53 Sunline Drive. Angela Harvey discussed a memorial marker they are seeking permission to place at the Northhill Community Park. Mayor Lee recognized Bobby Christopher for his service as Alderman. Alderman Dobbs reminded everyone of Free Tea Day at the Brandon McAlister’s on Thursday, June 29, 2017.

1.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 5, 2017, and the Special Board Meeting of June 13, 2017, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Dobbs, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

2.
HIRE RAMIE FORD AS PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017, AND SET SALARY; AND PROMOTE CHARLES SMITH TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017, AND SET SALARY

Alderman Coker made the motion to hire Ramie Ford as Parks & Recreation Director effective July 1, 2017, and set salary; and to promote Charles Smith to Public Works Director effective July 1, 2017, and set salary, in accordance with the memos from the Mayor, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

3.
PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR NEW VEHICLES FROM TRUE SERVICE ELECTRONICS IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,245.00, AS THE LOWEST AND BEST QUOTE RECEIVED, AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE SAME FROM DRUG SEIZURE FUNDS; APPROVE TRAVEL FOR OFFICER BRANDON WALTMAN TO TRAVEL TO MERIDIAN, MS TO ATTEND THE PRO-ACTIVE CRIMINAL PATROL CLASS ON JUNE 26-29, 2017; AND AMEND BRANDON POLICE GENERAL OPERATING PROCEDURE 4.15 WITH REGARD TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
Alderman Morris made the motion to purchase equipment and installation for new vehicles from True Service Electronics in the amount of $30,245.00, as the lowest and best quote received, and authorize payment of the same from drug seizure funds; to approve travel for Officer Brandon Waltman to travel to Meridian, MS to attend the Pro-Active Criminal Patrol Class on June 26-29, 2017; and to amend Brandon Police General Operating Procedure 4.15 with regard to motor vehicle accidents, in accordance with the memos from the Police Chief, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

4.

PURCHASE AIR PACKS AND BOTTLES FROM EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT PROFESSIONALS, INC., A STATE CONTRACT VENDOR, IN THE AMOUNT OF $57,077.60 AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE SAME; APPROVE TRAVEL FOR CAPTAIN BRIAN BECK AND LT. STEVEN DEDMON TO TRAVEL TO SOUTHAVEN, MS ON AUGUST 11-12, 2017 TO TAKE THEIR NATIONAL REGISTRY PARAMEDIC SKILLS CHECK OFF TEST; AND APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR FIREFIGHTER CASEY NOBLE

Alderman Coker made the motion to purchase air packs and bottles from Emergency Equipment Professionals, Inc., a state contract vendor, in the amount of $57,077.60 and authorize payment of the same; to approve travel for Captain Brian Beck and Lt. Steven Dedmon to travel to Southaven, MS on August 11-12, 2017 to take their National Registry Paramedic Skills Check Off Test; and to approve salary increase for Firefighter Casey Noble, in accordance with the memos from the Fire Chief, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

5.

APPROVE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve volunteer members to the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), in accordance with the memo from the Fire Chief, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6.

PURCHASE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE HOMETOWN MISSISSIPPI CERTIFIED RETIREMENT CITY CO-OP NATIONAL AD CAMPAIGN IN THE AMOUNT OF $780.52

Alderman Williams made the motion to purchase an advertisement in the Hometown Mississippi Certified Retirement City Co-Op National Ad Campaign in the amount of $780.52, for the purpose of advertising and to bring into favorable notice of the opportunities and possibilities of the City, first finding that this mode of advertising is in the best interests of the City, in accordance with the memo from Senior Services, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.
7.
PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 2-131 THROUGH 2-150 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS 9.4-9.5 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE WITH REGARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Public Hearing was opened with regard to proposed amendments to Sections 2-131 through 2-150 of the Code of Ordinances and Sections 9.4-9.5 of the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the Planning Commission. The Community Development Director advised that all prerequisites to the public hearing have been met. The memo from the Community Development Director with respect to the same, and the documents and things pertaining to the same are appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Community Development Director advised the Board that the Planning Commission voted to recommend adoption of the same and she advised the Board as to the reasons why her recommendation was to adopt the same as proposed, as set forth in her memo to the Board. The City Attorney then asked for public comments. No one other than the Community Development Director provided public comments. Alderman Morris made the motion to adopt an ordinance amending Sections 2-131 through 2-150 of the Code of Ordinances and Sections 9.4-9.5 of the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the Planning Commission, referenced herein, as proposed by the Director, for the reasons stated therein and as stated by the Director of Community Development as set forth in her memo to the Board and the Minutes of the Planning Commission, which are appended hereto and incorporated herein, seconded by Alderman Vinson, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

8.
APPROVE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW CONCERNING THE REPAINTING OF THE CANOPY AT THE CHUK STOP CARK WASH LOCATED AT 1020 OLD HIGHWAY 471; APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PLAN FOR RAMEY’S GROCERY STORE LOCATED AT 212 EAST GOVERNMENT STREET; ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM TOP SHELF CREATIVE FOR THE RE-BRANDING OF SIX VEHICLES; AND SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR JULY 5, 2017, FOR THE FOLLOWING; (a) DETERMINATION OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 178 FERN VALLEY ROAD, AND (b) DETERMINATION OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE AT 407 EAST GOVERNMENT STREET

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve Development Review concerning the repainting of the canopy at the Chuk Stop Car Wash located at 1020 Old Highway 471; to approve the comprehensive sign plan for Ramey’s Grocery Store located at 212 East Government Street; to accept the donation from Top Shelf Creative for the re-branding of six vehicles; and to set public hearings for July 5, 2017 during the Regular Board Meeting, for the following: (a) determination of a public nuisance at 178 Fern Valley Road, and (b) determination of a public nuisance at 407 East Government Street, in accordance with the memos from the Community Development Director, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.
9. DESIGNATE DONNIE SULLIVAN AS ADA COORDINATOR FOR THE CITY

Alderman Williams made the motion to designate Donnie Sullivan as ADA Coordinator for the City, in accordance with the memo from the Community Development Director, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 5, 2017 WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF WOMACK’S AUTO SALES BUILDING PERMIT #14-0449 AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AT PARCELS I8J-55 (363 W. GOVERNMENT STREET), I8J-5 (NEW DEALERSHIP), AND I8J-84 (636 WEST GOVERNMENT STREET)

Alderman Coker made the motion to set a public hearing for July 5, 2017 during the Regular Board Meeting with regard to the status of Womack’s Auto Sales Building Permit #14-0449 and associated ordinance violations at Parcels I8J-55 (363 W. Government Street), I8J-5 (New Dealership), and I8J-84 (636 West Government Street), in accordance with the memo from the Community Development Director, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Dobbs, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

11. DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY, THE REPAIRS TO THE SEWER MAIN ALONG TERRAPIN SKIN CREEK BEHIND SONNY’S BBQ, 1374 W. GOVERNMENT STREET, AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION CO. INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,624.89 AND EAGLE PIPE & SUPPLY INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,340.12; DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY, THE REPAIRS TO THE SEWER FORCE MAIN NEAR SUNSET DRIVE AND ORR DRIVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,762.80 TO HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION CO. AND EAGLE PIPE & SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,989.40; DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY, THE REPAIRS TO THE SEWER MAIN ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 80 BETWEEN VALERIE DRIVE AND STONEGATE DRIVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,315.47 TO HEMPHILL CONSTRUCTION CO., EAGLE PIPE & SUPPLY INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,819.80 AND SUNCOAST INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,190.00; DECLARE AS AN EMERGENCY, THE REPAIRS TO THE HIGHWAY 468 LIFT STATION AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO THE HARVEY SERVICES, INC. INVOICE IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,421.50; AND APPROVE A PERMANENT MEMORIAL MARKER TO BE PLACED AT THE NORTHHILL COMMUNITY PARK

Alderman Williams made the motion to declare as an emergency, the repairs to the sewer main along Terrapin Skin Creek behind Sonny’s BBQ, 1374 W. Government Street, and authorize payment of the Hemphill Construction Co. invoice in the amount of $23,624.89 and Eagle Pipe & Supply invoice in the amount of $2,340.12; to declare as an emergency, the repairs to the sewer force main near Sunset Drive and Orr Drive and authorize payment in the amount.
of $13,762.80 to Hemphill Construction Co. and Eagle Pipe & Supply in the amount of $5,989.40; to declare as an emergency, the repairs to the sewer main on the North side of Highway 80 between Valerie Drive and Stonegate Drive and authorize payment in the amount of $11,315.47 to Hemphill Construction Co., Eagle Pipe & Supply invoice in the amount of $5,819.80 and Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. invoice in the amount of $3,190.00; to declare as an emergency, the repairs to the Highway 468 Lift Station and authorize payment to the Harvey Services, Inc. invoice in the amount of $6,421.50; and to approve a permanent memorial marker to be placed at the Northhill Community Park, in accordance with the memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

12. APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE BRANDON CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve the extension of the Brandon Central Business District abatement program, in accordance with the memo from the Economic Development Department, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Coker, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

13. APPROVE THRASH COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR PAY REQUEST #8 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,297,494.76 WITH REGARD TO THE RANKIN TRAILS AMPHITHEATER AND BASEBALL PARK PROJECT/ THE QUARRY AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE SAME

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve Thrash Commercial Contractor Pay Request #8 in the amount of $1,297,494.76 with regard to the Rankin Trails Amphitheater and Baseball Park Project/The Quarry and authorize payment of the same, in accordance with the memo from the Parks and Recreation Department, seconded by Alderman Williams, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.


Alderman Coker made the motion to declare Monday, July 3, 2017 as an additional holiday in observance of Independence Day in accordance with the proclamation by the Governor of the State of Mississippi; to approve budget amendments as presented by the City Clerk and authorize publication of the same; and to approve the Docket of Claims for June 2, 6 & 19, 2017 and Fox Everett Claims released on June 1, 2017, in accordance with the memos.
from the City Clerk, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Dobbs, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

15.

ADJOURN

Alderman Morris made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(Next Regular Board Meeting July 5, 2017.)


HON. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK