

MINUTES
BRANDON BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BUTCH LEE, MAYOR PRESIDING
AUGUST 17, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Lee, Aldermen Dobbs, Middleton, Morris, Coker, Williams, and Vinson were present. Alderman Corley was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Pastor Juan Jones gave the invocation and Alderman Vinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. Ava Harvey made inquiry regarding the maintenance of the Hwy. 80 center median downtown.
- Greg Davis and Abby Davis were recognized by the Mayor for donating their time to pick up trash and beautify the City.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda item 4.1; seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

1. Approve the continuation of a local emergency for an additional thirty (30) days or such time that the Governor of Mississippi lifts the State of Emergency, whichever comes first.
2. Spread on the minutes the Final Decree Approving, Ratifying, and Confirming the Enlargement and Extension of the Boundaries of the City of Brandon, MS as recorded in the Secretary of State Office in Book 409.
3. Approve a professional services agreement with Neel Schaffer for civil site design work in the amount of not to exceed \$3,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve agenda items 5.1-5.3, in accordance with the related memos from the Mayor, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK

1. Approve modified rate of pay for Amphitheater Accountant, Wayne Gasson effective August 17, 2020 pursuant to the memo.
2. Accept the MS Office of Highway Safety Grant award in the amount of \$75,000.00 for FY2021 and authorize the Mayor to execute all related documents and authorize the City Clerk as the designated secondary signatory.

3. Approve the docket of claims for August 18, 2020 with the exception of Check No. 81011.

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve agenda items 6.1-6.3, in accordance with the related memos from the City Clerk, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. MATT DODD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

1. Public hearing and board action with regard to the consideration of a rezoning application request for The Cannon Company to rezone 2.68 acres of Parcel J8-7-30 from CC: Community Center Commercial to RM-8: Suburban Mixed Neighborhood District.

The Public Hearing with respect to the referenced rezoning application was opened whereby the Director of Community Development advised that all of the prerequisites to the Public Hearing have been met and that the matter was presented to the Planning Commission which recommended approval of the application subject to certain modifications and conditions included in the Staff Report prepared in this matter by the Community Development Department all of which is appended hereto and made a part of the record of the Public Hearing. Thereafter the Director of Community Development generally described the application and those in favor of or in response to the application were then asked to address the governing authorities, whereby Mr. Jessie Purvis indicated his support of the application subject to preserving an adequate draining easement in the ditch separating the subject property from the adjoining property. Joe Deaton spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke in opposition to the application. Alderman Coker then made the motion to recess the Public Hearing to the October 5, 2020 during the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

2. Approve the Site and Architectural Plan for Dollar General to be located on Highway 80 (2.14 acres of parcel #J8-7-30).

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve agenda item 7.2, in accordance with the related memo from the Community Development Director, which is appended hereto, with the condition that the additional cart storage as discussed in the Regular Board Meeting be included and required as part of the construction thereof, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. CHARLES SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Hire Eric Fagan as a Water Laborer I effective August 18, 2020 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
2. Approve Landmark Structures pay request #10 in the amount of \$228,902.50 with regard to the Elevated Water Tanks Project and authorize payment of the same.
3. Declare as an emergency the repairs to the Windchase lift station by Harvey Services in the amount of \$25,111.57 and authorize payment of the same.
4. Declare as an emergency the repairs to the North Street well by Puckett Power Systems in the amount of \$44,200.00 and Elcon Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00; and authorize payments of the same.
5. Approve Burns Cooley Dennis to provide testing and monitoring professional services at a cost of \$20,000.00 with regard to the 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 8.1-8.5, in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. Approve Neel Schaffer as the design engineer of the Crossgates Blvd. Sewer Relocation Project.
7. Approve the release of the Letter of Credit No. 117668 issued by Copiah Bank for Heartland Development, Inc.
8. Authorize advertisement for bids the City of Brandon Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalk Improvement Project.
9. Approve A1 Concrete to provide professional services in accordance with memo and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Alderman Dobbs made the motion to approve agenda items 8.6-8.9, in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

9. WILLIAM THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF

1. Purchase in car radios for six (6) new vehicles from Motorola Solutions, a state contract vendor, in the amount of \$27,420.00 and authorize payment of the same.
2. Purchase a Mobile Camera LPR System from TCS Ware, a sole source vendor, in the amount of \$26,256.42 and authorize payment of the same.
3. Approve renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with the Rankin County School District for police officers in schools and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve agenda items 9.1-9.3, in accordance with the related memos from the Police Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. BRIAN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF

1. Promote Firefighter Scott Webb to Lieutenant effective August 17, 2020 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brandon Fire Department and Waldorf University for educational opportunities and authorize Chief Brian Roberts to execute the same.
3. Hire John Berry, Nakenbe Fleming and Brendan Styre as probationary Firefighters effective August 18, 2020 and set their rate of pay pursuant to the memo.

Alderman Dobbs made the motion to approve agenda items 10.1-10.3, in accordance with the related memos from the Fire Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Vinson made the motion to consider the need to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with Gold Coast and potential litigation regarding code enforcement matters and personnel matters involving various city departments, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made the motion to resume the Regular Board Meeting out of Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Upon return to the board room it was announced that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

12. ADJOURN

Alderman Coker made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried. (Next Regular Board Meeting- September 8, 2020.)

Minutes approved this the 8th day of September 2020.



Hon. Butch Lee, Mayor

Attest:



Hon. Angela Bean, City Clerk

