

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 144

REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons of the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi met on the above date at the Municipal Court Bldg., 105 Hiern Avenue, Pass Christian, Mississippi, at 6:00 p.m., same being the time and place for said meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Renaud “Jimmy” Rafferty, Alderman at Large Kenny Torgeson, Alderwoman Betty Sparkman, Alderwoman Regina Charlot, Alderman Victor Pickich, City Attorney, Alderman Kirk Kimball, City Attorney, Malcolm Jones, City Clerk, Marian Governor

There being a quorum present to transact the business of the City, the following proceedings were had and done.

- Proclamation for Fire Chief Dwight Gordon

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina

Charlot the Board unanimously approved to open bids for:

- 1) Fleitas Avenue Lift Station Replacement
- 2) Rehabilitation and SCADA Improvements to Sewage Lift Stations
- 3) Rehabilitation of Lift Station No. 18

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina

Charlot the Board unanimously agreed to accept all bids and refer to City engineer for review, tabulate and award at a later date.

Special Recognition:

- 1) Pass Market: We would like to thank the organizers, volunteers and roughly 100 vendors who made the event so special. Thanks to their efforts, it was very well attended.
- 2) Jazz in the Pass: We would like to thank all of those who played a part in making Jazz in the Pass a spectacular event this year. This includes the Organizing Committee, Volunteers, Beautification Dept., Community Affairs Dept., Public Works Department, Fire Dept., Police Dept., etc. It is estimated that over 5,000 people attended this event.
- 3) Jeepin the Coast: Only a few days after Jazz in the Pass, we would like to thank the Beautification Dept., Community Affairs Dept., Public Works Dept., Fire Dept., Police Dept., etc. for making this a big success.
- 4) Would like to thank Tammie Cuevas, Beautification Dept and Public Works for their hard work and efforts to make all special events possible in Pass Christian. Requested by Alderman Kimball.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS ALLOWED RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT ON EACH SPEAKER. NO PUBLIC QUESTIONING COMMENTS ARE ALLOWED DURING THE MEETING, UNLESS THE MAYOR RECOGNIZES SUCH PERSON.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the June 4, 2024, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board considered adopting an ordinance establishing new Ward Lines and Designating Polling Places in each Ward pursuant to the Federal Census of 2020 as recommended by the City Attorney. Information will be provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

There was an amended motion by Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson to Table the decision until the next meeting.

- Betty Sparkman Aye
- Regina Charlot Aye
- Kirk Kimbal Nay
- Victor Pickich Nay
- Kenny Torgeson Aye

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No action taken: Consider accepting a \$5,000 donation from Art in the Pass to be used for the improvement of the Gazebo at War Memorial Park and authorize West Coast Handyman to perform the improvements at a cost of \$9,800. The city will fund the remaining balance of \$4,800 and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to approve DNA work order #11 in the amount of \$19,348.00 for the installation of three new meters that will close out Phase 1 of the Residential Water Meter Installation Project. Funds are available and will be funded from 400-702-600 (Utility Contractual Services).

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to renew the contract with American Municipal Services (pending final review by the City Attorney) to handle the past due collections for the Court, Utility, and Harbor Departments to begin September 1, 2024. The City will advertise that any outstanding fines or delinquent accounts will be turned over to AMS beginning September 1, 2024, and their collection fee will be added to their balance.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to approve the agreement with NCSI, LLC to establish an account to perform pre – employment background checks at \$23 per check and motor vehicle license checks at a cost of \$20. The background checks include an annual recheck.

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BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously agreed to approve the request to hire Terrell Billiot to fill the budgeted open position at the Beautification Department at the rate of \$13.46 an hour with the effective date of June 3, 2024. Funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk. As requested by Brad Manus.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board agreed to hire Satvik Kompella as a Summer Intern who will work 12 hours per week, will be paid minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, and who will be responsible for projects to promote the interests of the City of Pass Christian. This program is similar to a program we have had in the past. Funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

- Betty Sparkman Aye
- Regina Charlot Aye
- Kirk Kimbal Nay
- Victor Pickich Nay
- Kenny Torgeson Aye

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed to approve the application from Kenneth John Cognevich Jr. at 788 W. Beach Blvd, for re-subdivision by splitting one parcel (0313L-01-015.000), a T3R Transect at Beach Blvd and T4L Transect at Everett Street, into two separate parcels as requested by Planning Technician. (All lots will be compliant with the requirements for the City Development Code 3.0).

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to approve the application from Louis & Dana Montgomery at 0 Leovy Avenue, for a re-subdivision by splitting one parcel (0313G-02-103.000), a T4L Transect, into two separate parcels as requested by Planning Technician. (All lots will be compliant with the requirements of the City Development Code 3.0).

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**No Action Taken:** Consider approving the Tree Board Application appeal from Kristi Mong on behalf of MindWorks Psychologist for the property of 213 Henderson Avenue. The Tree Board denied her application. A certified arborist report notates that the tree is at great risk of falling and is full of decay. A proposed new building application is pending approval of the trees in question. Attached is the backup for the appeal.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously accepted Chief Woodman’s request to hire FF David Easterling as a recruit FF. The starting pay will be \$12.37 per hour with a start date of June 7, 2024, pending on the passing of drug screen and background check. This is a budgeted position, and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the request to approve Sergeant John Dedeaux extended medical leave from June 10, 2024, to September 10, 2024, for Sergeant John Dedeaux. It may be possible that Sgt. Dedeaux returns to duty sooner after physical therapy and medical release from the physician. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman. PD-1

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to approve the recommendation of transferring Franklin Taylor from part time list to full time to fill the existing vacancy in patrol with a start date of June 10, 2024, and a starting salary of \$18.50 per hour. He has met all Civil Service requirements. This position has a one-year probationary period. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved to adopt the agreement between Federal Law Enforcement Agency (US Customs and Border Protection USBP) participating in the Treasury Forfeiture Fund and State/Local Law Enforcement Agency (Pass Christian Police Department) for the reimbursement of expenses in Joint Operations effective between dates to be determine. The maximum amount of overtime reimbursement is \$15,000 per fiscal year. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda items 1 –5 below

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- 1. Authorized the advertisement of Project No. 234 to Elevate Lift Station Control Panels. CA-1
- 2. Authorized the enrollment in the remote deposit services with Hancock Bank which will improve efficiency and productivity in departmental processing of checks and money orders. CA-2
- 3. Approved the Treasury Management Services resolution with Hancock Bank that authorizes the removal of Ronald Duckworth, retired City Clerk and adds Marian Governor, City Clerk. CA-3

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- 4. Accepted Fire Chief Dia'mond Woodman's Oath of Office. CA-4
- 5. Agreed to the installation of a covered boatlift in slip C-514 to be installed by A Step Above Marine who will obtain DMR permits prior to installation and all construction will comply with harbor modifications guidelines. All expenses to be paid by the tenant. CA-5

Motion to approve the Claims Docket in the amount of \$370,905.69 CD-1

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Mayor

06-04-2024  
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City Clerk

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