

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 144

REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 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, Alderman Kirk Kimball, City Attorney, Malcolm Jones

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

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the May 21, 2024, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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- Bid Opening for Gravity Sewer Improvements – Phase 2 and 3
- Consider proclaiming June 7 as Dwight Gordon Day in the City of Pass Christian. This special day honors our Fire Chief, Dwight Gordon, who will be retiring on May 31, 2024, after an impressive 21 years of dedicated service to our community and a lifetime committed to Fire Service.

Chief Gordon has been a cornerstone of our city's resilience and safety. He played a crucial role in the response and recovery efforts during Hurricane Katrina, demonstrating exceptional leadership and commitment. Following his predecessor, Rich Marvil, Chief Gordon took the helm and transformed our fire department into the outstanding organization it is today. In addition to his role as Fire Chief, Dwight Gordon has also served as our Emergency Management Director. His leadership has been instrumental in guiding us through numerous disasters, including the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Dwight Gordon Day, we celebrate not only his professional achievements but also his unwavering dedication to the safety and well-being of our community. Please join us in honoring Chief Dwight Gordon for his remarkable contributions and years of service.

- We would like to have a special Shout Out for Norman Jeune who works in our Public Works Department as a Facility Maintenance Worker. Daily, he is pulled in multiple directions all over the City to perform multiple tasks and never complains and always has a positive attitude. He is always on time and in the best mood. His infectious attitude emits onto the next person. We stand here today to honor one of the people who helps keep this City going. Thank you, Norman, for doing such an outstanding job.
- We would like to thank all those who played a part in making the Blessing of the Fleet a successful event.
- Consider adoption of the agenda for the May 21, 2024, Board of Alderpersons Meeting

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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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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board Consider 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.

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

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously authorized the City Attorney to file Disclaimer in Tax Title Confirmation suit styled Daniels v. City of Pass Christian, et als. in the Chancery Court of Harrison County, MS IJD in Cause No. 24-865(3) as recommended by the City Attorney.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the payment to MS Municipal Worker’s Compensation Group in the amount of \$22,077.39 for the balance of the FY22/23 Worker’s Comp audit and amend the budget accordingly, funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, Marian Governor.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$174,568.71 from Overstreet & Associates for the North Street Gravity Sewer Project.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously authorized advertisement of the project for the Relocation of Lift Station No. 31.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously to approve Lady Mary Drainage Improvements – Change Order No. 2. in the amount of \$14,370.00 for a total contract price of \$60,640.00. The proposed change is necessary or incidental to the completion of the work as originally bid, is commercially reasonable and not made to circumvent the public purchasing status, and that any increase or decrease in cost is reasonable.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved placing a port-o-potty and handwash station at Henderson Park at a cost of \$140 monthly and amend the budget accordingly. Funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk. Requested by Alderman Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board approved the pay application #3 and invoices for Trinity Park Subdivision in the amount of \$97,124.44 as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk. Funds are available.

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

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BEAUTIFICATION DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to hear a presentation on Playground Equipment from Treynor McAdam.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to ratifying the appointment of Owen McNally as temporary Special Prosecutor for City Court and appoint him to act as Municipal Prosecutor Pro-Tem going forward with his compensation to be as provided in MCA Section 21-23-3 and 21-3-7 of \$200 per day as requested by Judge Skip Negrotto.

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EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved a \$600 donation to the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary Golf Tournament, being held on June 1, 2024, to benefit the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Mississippi. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. The funds will be taken out of the Community Promotions Budget and funds have been confirmed by the City Clerk. The contribution is similar to last year's.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously accepted a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the St. Paul Carnival Association.

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HARBOR

Upon motion of alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously accepted the resignation from Stephan Bankston Harbor Maintenance effective 05/24/24 and pay him for any outstanding vacation per employee handbook; and authorize to advertise for the vacancy.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously accepted the resignation from Wayne Irby with the effective date of May 25, 2024, and pay him for any outstanding vacation per employee handbook; and authorize to advertise for the vacancy.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the items 1 – 10 below

1. Approved the request to send City Employees from the Public Works, Beautification and Fire Department to a Chain Saw Safety Workshop. The workshop will be held at the Long Beach Activity and Senior Center on Thursday June 27, 2024, from 8am – 12 noon.
CA-1
2. Authorized the Library to use the Randolph Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, for the One Book One Pass Author Presentation by Lauren Groff and authorize waiving the fee. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City.
As requested by Librarian, Wendy Allard. CA-2
3. Authorized the Library to have a “Krewe of Waggus” walking Pet Parade for Mardi Gras 2025 on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at 1:30p.m. The parade will use the same route as the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. As requested by Windy Allard, Librarian. CA-3

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- 4. Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously agreed to closing scenic drive from Davis / Scenic (Cat Island coffee shop Parking) to Fleitas / Scenic Saturday May 25th. This will aid Market in the Pass by utilizing both sides of Scenic while not interfering with Jazz in the Pass which is held the same day in the park. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. Requested by Alderman Kimball. CA-4
- 5. Accepted Chief Gordon’s request to send FF Samuel Phillips and FF Caleb Counselman to MSFA in Pearl MS for FF1001-1-11 on June 2 – July 25, 2024. The cost of the class is \$500.00 each, per diem of \$910.00 each and the use of a City Vehicle. This request for training is a budgeted item and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-5
- 6. Accepted Chief Gordon’s request to hire FF Chase Edwards as a apart time call out employee. The rate of pay will be \$12.02 per hour, with a start date of 5/22/2024, upon completion and passing of drug screen. CA-6
- 7. Approved the request to send dispatcher Melissa Miller to 911 Certification course held June 17-21, 2024, in Kiln, MS. The tuition is \$395 and will be reimbursed by the State upon completion. This is a budgeted item, and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, Marian Governor. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-7
- 8. Approved the request to apply to Bureau of Justice assistance FY24 Bulletproof Vest Grant. The Grant will pay up to 50% of purchase of 5 Bulletproof Vests or up to \$3,500.00 / \$1,750.00. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-8
- 9. Approved request to send Investigator Lieutenant Ryan Henry to Mississippi Command College 2024 held July 15-19, 2024, in Oxford, MS. The tuition is \$375, lodging \$545 and per diem \$288 and use of City Vehicle. This is a budgeted item, and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk, Marian Governor. CA-9
- 10. Approved the reimbursement to Deputy Chief Chris Williams in the amount of \$909.98 for lodging, and reimbursement for FBI-LEEDA Conference (BOA 01/16/2024). The hotel required a credit card for lodging and incidentals. As requested by Chief Daren Freeman. CA-10

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderman Victor Pickich and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$168,289.47.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously accepted the Addendum.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously agreed to recess meeting until Thursday, May 23, 2024, for the interviews for Harbormaster at 6:00pm.

Mayor	05-21-2024 Date
City Clerk	05-21-2024 Date