

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 147

REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 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.

Special Recognition:

- The Board recognized the 2024 Raiders Superbowl Champs and the Raiderettes for their back-to-back Cheer Competition Champs.
- Special shout out to Investigator Sergeant David Spence for receiving Pass Christian’s nomination for Keesler Federal Credit Union’s First Responder of the Year Award.
- Special shout out to Marie Lamb, Bret Bentz, Bob Escher, Malcolm Jones, Kirk Ladner (and his team) and others for helping bring the Pickleball Courts to fruition. Marie identified an AARP grant that paid \$20,000 of the \$180,000 cost. The Pickleball Courts have already been a big success, and this is evidenced by the number of people who have already played on the new courts. Also, a special recognition to the late Ron Feldman who was the first person to introduce Pickleball to Pass Christian.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson, seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich, the Board unanimously approved, to open bids for the renovation of the Fire Station #1 Project.

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Upon motion of the Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board accepted bids and referred to Architecture for tabulation and award at a later date.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved agenda for December 3, 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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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to amend the Agenda and move Public Comments to the end of the Agenda.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE

NO ACTION TAKEN. Consider awarding a grant of \$255,875 for infrastructure (i.e., water, sewer, retaining wall, sidewalks, stormwater detention, etc.) to Hilton Tower Commons on Scenic Drive west of the St. Paul’s development. The developer will cede property to the City for the road that will connect Scenic Drive and Second Street between his property and St. Paul’s. The developer will commit to investing \$2,570,000 in Phase I of the overall \$4,170,000 development. This will include two mixed-use structures on Scenic Drive. The funds will be covered out of the 2023 \$750,000 Capital Expenditure grant that is limited to infrastructure use (there is no City Match associated with the Capex grant).

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved payment to Overstreet and Associates for the following invoice: in the amount of \$2,730.00 for North St Gravity Sewer - Phase II & III. These expenses are reimbursable by Gomesa Grant. The funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board approved the reimbursement of Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$71,345.00, to Edgerly Enterprises, for the St Paul Village contract. Funds are available per the City Clerk.

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

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board approved payment to Covington Civil & Engineering, Invoice#16550.08-04, in the amount of \$28,672.50 for the Pass Christian Beautification Building. Funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.

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

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute quitclaim deed to Robert McHatton, II for property situated at 22138 Hightower Road in the Skyline Hills Ranch Sites subdivision (outside City Limits) in consideration of unpaid school district taxes and costs in the sum of \$131.93, as recommended by the City Attorney. [This property was sold to the City for back school district taxes in 1993. The current owner is seeking to redeem this tax sale.]

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously adopted the No Protest Finding for Bond Resolution adopted on November 4, 2024, as recommended by the City Attorney.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously rescinded the approval on 11/19/24 to award the quote to Seamless Gutter Specialists, LLC, in the amount of \$50,000 for the Public Works covered storage area.

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***COURT***

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the refund request of \$1,500.00 to Jimmy Strickland. Mr. Strickland posted a cash bond for Jose Orozco on 9/30/2024. Mr. Orozco was heard on his charge November 13, 2024. The charge was Nolle Pros and a full refund is requested.

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***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved to hire certified FF Brooks Hoda as a part time firefighter. His start date will be December 4, 2024. Starting pay will be \$12.02 per hour.

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***POLICE DEPARTMENT***

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved a five-year lease-purchase agreement at the rate of 5.22% per annum with Cadence Bank for two Ford Explorers for the Police Department in the total sum of \$103,010.00 as requested by the City Clerk. [On October 15, 2024, the Board approved a Resolution authorizing this transaction and now it is necessary to approve and spread the lease agreement on the minutes.]

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***WATER***

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the purchase of 48 Electronic Antenna's, 24 -3/4" Water Meters, 54-520M S/Point Antennas for WPSCO on new construction sites amounting to \$18,172.74. Core & Main is a sole source provider for the Sensus meters in this area and can only be purchased by them. This will be paid out of the Water Department Fund.

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***CONSENT AGENDA***

*Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the items 1 –8 below*

1. Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved reimbursing Mayor Rafferty \$45 for the cost of having him attend the 2025 Pre-Legislative Briefing in Biloxi on December 10.
2. Approved paying Jerrell Harris, \$400.00 for cleaning the Randolph Center for the events in November 2024.
3. Approved Chief Woodman's request to ratify the reimbursement to Marcos Chacon \$215.26 for tickets to the Smalltown Fire Conference, which was held Oct. 17-19, 2024, in Hammond, Louisiana.
4. Approved Chief Woodman's request to allow Firefighter Thomas McCoy to attend FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR LEVEL II (online) January 13th through April 4. The Cost of the class is \$175 and will require the use of City Vehicle for testing.
5. Approved Chief Woodman's request to send Recruit Firefighters Jaden Bishop and Alberto Moroyoqu to MSFA for Hazmat A&O January 13th thru 31st. The Cost of the class is covered by a grant, per diem of \$140.00 each and use of City Vehicle.

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- 6. Approved the request to send K9 Sergeant Alex Klodnicki to Recertification of Narcotics K9 Handler course help TBD in Harrison County, MS. Tuition is \$350, and use of City vehicle is requested. This request for training is a budgeted item and funds are available as confirmed by the City Clerk.
- 7. Approved the minutes, with changes, of November 3, 2024, Regular Mayor and Board of Alderpersons meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita.
- 8. Approved the minutes, with changes, of November 19, 2024, Regular Mayor and Board of Alderpersons meeting, with changes, as requested by Deputy City Clerk Shannon Starita.

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CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$286,962.50.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot, the Board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session regarding a personnel matter with a Harbor Service employee.

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board came out of Closed Session.

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session.

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously agreed to come out of Executive Session.

Upon motion of the Board, it was unanimously agreed to terminate Tammie Cuevas effective immediately.

_____ Mayor	_____ 12-03-2024 Date
_____ City Clerk	_____ 12-03-2024 Date