

CITY OF PASS CHRISTIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MINUTE BOOK 146

REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 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.

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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 approved the agenda for the November 19, 2024, Board of Alderperson Meeting.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board denied the Boardwalk Ad Hoc Committee consisted of 4 people who were for the Boardwalk and 4 people who were against it. Based on the recommendation of the Boardwalk AD Hoc Committee, consider conducting a Public Hearing to discuss Phase II of the GOMESA Highway 90 mitigation project (\$2,800,000 grant from the State with no City Match). At the Public Hearing, Alderman Pickich would like to discuss having Phase II go westward from Magnolia Avenue to the City/County line at Henderson Point.

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

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board reappointed Margaret Jean Kalif to the School Board for a 5-year term to end on March 31, 2030, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

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

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NO ACTION TAKEN: Consider motion to approve 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.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board unanimously approved the reimbursement of Pay Application #6, in the amount of \$58,500.00 to Trinity Park Subdivision, LLC from Edgerly Enterprises LLC, funds are available per the City Clerk.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved Payment Application No. 1 to DNA Underground, in the amount of \$168,728.55 for the Morton Avenue Drainage Repairs to be paid from (Utility Construction in Progress 400.703.911), as recommended by the City Engineer, Bob Escher.

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NO ACTION TAKEN: Consider motion to hear an update on the action for the property located at East Beach, Parcel# 0512N-01-024.000, as requested by Billy Dauphin, Code Enforcement Officer.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously authorized the advertisement to “Elevate and Replace Electrical Controls at City Lift Stations” which is an ARPA/MCWI funded project.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board unanimously accepted the October 2024 monthly budget report as requested by Marian Governor, City Clerk.

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EVENTS

Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously approved the waiver of fees at the Randolph center Monday November 25 & Tuesday November 26 for the City employee Thanksgiving party, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously approved closing all City offices on Tuesday November 26 from 11am -12pm (1 hour) so that all City staff and personnel can attend the City Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons to hold a Mardi Gras Community King Cake Tasting Event on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 10:30am – 1:30pm at the Randolph Center to be sponsored by the Pass Christian Main Street, O'Dwyer Realty, the Pass Christian Library, and the City of Pass Christian. The event will be free, but we request those attending to consider either bringing a non-perishable food item(s) for the Christian Concern Food Pantry or a monetary donation to Gone Fishing Ministries, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City. The organizing Committee asks the City to:

- Waive any fee for use of the Randolph Center on the day of the event (the Committee will pay the \$100 cleaning fee)
- Use of tables and chairs at the Randolph Center
- Permission to place signs advertising the event around the City prior to the event
- List the event on the City's website
- Assistance of City Workers to assist with the set up and take down for the event
- Any resources as deemed necessary by the Mayor.

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Upon motion of Alderman Kenny Torgeson and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board agreed to the City of Waveland the use City of Pass Christian’s stage for their Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Parade to be held on Sunday, February 23, 2025. This bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City.

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board approved request for the following City resources for the 2025 Art in the Pass Fine Arts Festival at the War Memorial Park, from Friday through Sunday, April 4-6, 2025, this bringing favorable notice of the resources and opportunities of the City, as requested by Betty Sparkman, Chair of Art in the Pass. SEE ATTACHED (Betty Sparkman excused in decision then returned)

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Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board agreed to allow the use of the large grass cul-de-sac at 117 Poplar Point for the wedding of Taylor Morgan and Tyson Vanlandingham on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The Morgan family will be responsible for set up and clean up and will hire an off duty Pass Christian Policeman to be present at the event, this bringing favorable notice to the resources and opportunities of the City.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board accepted the resignation and retirement for Patti Schruff, effective date December 1, 2024, and approve advertising for her replacement, as requested by Fire Chief, Dia'mond Woodman.

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

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board approved the request for salary increase from \$18.50 per hour to \$18.98 per hour for Officers Michael Jimerson, Mathew Stieler and Franklin Taylor effective November 22, 2024. They will be moving into Officer Class II vacant slots, and the salaries should be commensurate with the level of experience, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously approved the quote from Seamless Gutter Specialists, LLC in the amount of \$50,000 for the Public Works covered storage area which will be reimbursed by the 2025 bond proceeds, as requested by Kirk Ladner, Public Works Director.

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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 –9 below

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1. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderman Kenny Torgeson the Board approved up to 6 Firefighters to attend, using city vehicles, "All Things Fire Behavior" December 7th in Hammond La. This training is offered free of charge, as requested by Fire Chief Dia'mond Woodman.
2. Approved the revised job description for Fire Administrator/Emergency Management Assistant. Items struck-through are removed and highlighted items have been added, as requested by Fire Chief Dia'mond Woodman.
3. Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Kirk Kimball the Board unanimously agreed for the Police Department, and all other departments, to apply for the 2024 Walmart Community Grant (Store #3528 Wiggins) in the amount of \$1,500 for public safety promotional and community engagement items. (There is no match required for this grant) as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.
4. Agreed to ACCEPTING the 2024 Walmart Community Grant (Store #3528 Wiggins) in the amount of \$1,500 for public safety promotional and community engagement items, and amend the budget, accordingly, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.
5. Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot and seconded by Alderwoman Betty Sparkman the Board accepted the 2024 Homeland Security Grant of up to \$25,490.00 for the purchase of 2 License Plate Readers and 2 Radios, and amend the budget, accordingly, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.
6. Approved to the award of \$5,000 for duty belt equipment from the FY 23 JAG grant and authorize sending Sue Young and CSO Haley Entrekin to the mandatory FY23 JAG Local Law Implementation meeting to be held on December 3, 2024, in Canton, MS, and authorize the use of a City vehicle, and amend the budget, accordingly, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

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7. Accepted the resignation from Desirae Bellaus (Necaise) effective November 28, 2024, and pay for any comp time and vacation pay per city policy.
8. Agreed to remove Dispatcher Nichole Saccurato from part-time list. The following officers are to remain on the part-time list: As requested by Chief Daren Freeman.
- Dia'mond Woodman
 - Dwight Gordon
 - Connie Hall
 - Andy Purchner
 - John Pope
9. Agreed to ratify the resignation from Office Ryan Dean effective November 5, 2024, and pay him for any comp-time and vacation pay per City Policy that he may have accrued while employed, as requested by Chief Daren Freeman.

ADDENDUM

1. Upon motion of Alderman Kirk Kimball and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board unanimously agreed to an administrative hearing for property situated at 110 west scenic drive (owner – Fill-Up with Billups) to declare property a public menace pursuant to MCA section 21-19-11, as amended, and/or the IPMC (2018 version) and order the demolition of the structure as determined by the Building Official Mark Savasta.

CLAIMS DOCKET

Upon motion of Alderwoman Betty Sparkman and seconded by Alderman Victor Pickich the Board approved the Claims Docket in the amount of \$207,910.45 CD-1

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of Consider going into Executive Session regarding a personnel matter in the Community Development Department, as requested by Alderman Kimball.

Upon motion of Alderwoman Regina Charlot the Board unanimously agreed to go into Closed Session to determine if they needed to go into Executive Session.

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

The Board unanimously agreed with the action of the Mayor talking to the employees in the Community Development Department.

Mayor

11-19-2024
Date

City Clerk

11-19-2024
Date