

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in Regular Session at the Waveland City Hall Boardroom, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, MS. on July 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm to take action on the following matters of City business.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Trapani noted for the record the presence of Alderman Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine, and Clark along with City Clerk, Lisa Planchard and City Attorney, Ronnie Artigues.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- a. During discussion Mayor Trapani said that he would like to have a potential Labor Day event on the Sunday before Labor Day with fireworks Sunday evening. St. Claire's Church has donated their fireworks to the City of Waveland. The mayor said he was thinking that instead of having all the vendors, the city just borrow the Silver Slipper's stage and booking maybe three bands. We could possibly just have the community bring what they want to bring and non-profits could sell the drinks and beer, etc. This way the city does not have the responsibility of collecting sales tax. Mayor Trapani asked the Board members for their feedback and ideas. Board members all agreed they liked the proposed idea. Mayor Trapani said he spoke with Alderman Lafontaine about making a small donation to St. Clair's for the fireworks. The mayor then noted we will move forward with our plan.

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to approve and move forward with the Labor Day Event be held on Sunday, September 3, 2023.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

- b. Award Employee of the Month for the month of June, 2023 to Mr. Eugene Lemay, Streets Department Operator

During discussion, Mayor Trapani recognized Mr. Eugene Lemay as Employee of the Month for June, 2023 expressing his thanks for Mr. Lemay stepping forward and taking on the duties of a former employee while also training someone new for the position. The mayor said he was a great employee to have for the City of Waveland.

ALDERMAN'S COMMENTS

Alderman Gamble

- Inquired about Malley's Pest Control and the Termite situation outside the exterior building doors near the Boardroom. Mayor Trapani thanked Alderman Gamble for the reminder and said he will be making an appointment for Mr. David Malley to come out and do a reinspection.

Alderman Richardson

- Informed Public Works Manager, Bo Humphrey, that he had spoken with Aaron Wilkenson (electrician), and that Aaron should be meeting with Bo sometime during the week about getting the flashing caution light up at Nicholson and Old Spanish Trail.
- Alderman Richardson also brought up the smell of gas that is back around Tiffany Street saying it is very strong and close to the Waveland Elementary School. Mr. Humphrey said he would check on it.

Alderman Lafontaine

- Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to adjust the agenda and add Item (f) under Board Business; appointment of Mr. Glenn Romero as Ward 3 Representative to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Alderman Clark – No comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD BUSINESS:

DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Re: Depository Docket of Claims, Paid and Unpaid, dated July 5, 2023

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to approve the Depository Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated July 5, 2023, in the amount of \$ 400,460.87. **(EXHIBIT A)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Re: Operating Utilities Docket of Claims, Paid and Unpaid, dated July 5, 2023

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the Operating Utilities Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated 7/5/23, in the amount of \$88,182.81. **(EXHIBIT B)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**TIDELANDS/TIDELANDS FUNDS/PROJECTS-TIDELANDS/REALLOCATION
OF TIDELANDS FUNDS
Re: Approve Reallocation of Tidelands Funds from Project #FY19-P646-04 to Project
#FY21-P646-03**

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to approve reallocation of Tidelands funds in the amount of \$200,000 from Project #FY19-P646-04 (Removal of Derelict Piers and Structures) to Project #FY21-P646-03 (Pagodas and Showers). This will also authorize and approve the mayor's signature on all documents related to this motion. **(EXHIBIT C)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**GOMESA/FUNDING-GOMESA/GRANTS – GOMESA/CITY WIDE DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT/CHINICHE ENGINEERING & SURVEYING/CITY
HALL
Re: Approve GOMESA Phase II Project Funding Request for Funding 2024 for
Citywide Drainage Improvements**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to approve GOMESA Phase II Project Funding Request for Funding 2024 for Citywide Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$9,000,000. Chiniche Engineering & Surveying shall submit on the City's behalf. **(EXHIBIT D)**

During discussion Alderman Lafontaine asked if there was a city match for these funds. Mayor Trapani stated no there was no match.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ARRA /INVESTMENT FUNDS-ARRA/TRINITY INVESTMENTS/
BANK ACCOUNTS/THE PEOPLE'S BANK/TRANSFERS-BANKS
Re: Transfer ARRA Investment funds from Trinity Investments to the new ARRA
Bank account**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to transfer ARRA Investment funds in the amount of \$745,857.28 from Trinity Investments to the new ARRA Bank account recently opened at the Peoples Bank. Note: There will be additional interest earnings upon transfer from Trinity Investments.

During discussion, Alderman Lafontaine inquired about what will be left in Trinity Investments once the \$745,857.28 is transferred out. Comptroller, Kim Bousnie stated that

we will still have the initial \$2.7M invested. Alderman Lafontaine then asked that if by moving this money out of Trinity Investments we will get a better interest rate from the bank, why not just transfer all the money to the (Peoples) bank. The comptroller said that we could, but initially we needed to invest it because the \$1.5M has to be in one bank account for ARPA; they want all their money in one account for us to account for it on its own. The comptroller also mentioned that the city can move the \$2.7M and she suggests the city does because the interest rates through the bank are much better. City Attorney Artigues says he researching the terms of agreement with Trinity Investments to make sure we can move the funds.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

PLANNING & ZONING/BUILDING DEPARTMENT/COMMISSIONERS
Re: Appointment of Mr. Glenn Romero as Ward 3 Representative to Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to appoint Mr. Glenn Romero as the Ward 3 representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission. (Reference: Alderman Lafontaine's 'Aldermen's Comments')

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

PLANNING & ZONING

Kirk Massey, owner of the property commonly known as 813 Sixth St, parcel #161C-0-01-005.000, has made an application for a variance from the required rear property line and the right-side property line. The variance request is for 5' from the required side yard setback of 10' and for 10' from the required rear yard setback of 15'. This would make his right-side yard and rear yard setbacks 5' from each property line. **(EXHIBIT E)**

Chairman Frater then called for a motion. Commissioner Whitney made a motion to approve the variance request to be 5' from the left side-yard and rear property lines. Commissioner Coatney seconded the motion.

After a unanimous vote of yes by all Commissioners present, Chairman Frater declared the motion passed and that the application meets all of the criteria set forth by section 906.1 of the Zoning Ordinance #349.

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to accept the recommendation of Planning & Zoning.

During discussion, Alderman Gamble clarified that Ms. Massey did not want the new shed to be built on the footprint of the old shed. She said no ma'am, they want to tear down the old shed and put it in another corner of the yard next to her neighbor's shed.

Alderman Gamble said that, “The request is for... on the back of the property she is asking for 50% of the allowed variance... you’re allowed 10’, you’re asking for 5’, so you only have 5 ft. from the back property line”. Ms. Massey said, “Yes ma’am.” Alderman Gamble said that you’re asking for 66% on the side yard, so you want to be 5’ from two property lines. She asked Ms. Massey why she want’s to be so close to the side property lines. Ms. Massey said she has a very small yard. Alderman Gamble noted for the record that Ms. Massey has a 100’ frontage by 45’ deep lot size. Alderman Gamble asked why Ms. Massey is asking for the Board to remove 10’ of a 15’ variance so you can be up against your neighbor’s property. Ms. Massey said they would like the maximum allowed so they can use more of their yard. Alderman Gamble said 15’ is allowed and she does not have a problem with 5’, but she has a problem with 10’ because that puts you only 5’ from two property lines. After further discussion, Alderman Lafontaine amended his motion as follows:

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to approve a 5 ft. setback on the back property line and a 10’ setback on the side property line; (shed is to be placed 5’ from the rear property line and 10’ from the side property line).

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Rene Landaverde, owner of the property commonly known as 301 Singleton St, parcel #162H-0-03-106.000, has made an application for a conditional use in order to place an accessory structure before the primary structure. This will be a garage used for the storage of work equipment.

Mr. Landaverde came forward to explain his request. He stated that he is trying to get the property cleaned up but he lives in New Orleans and is currently building a dwelling in Abita Springs. Once the house in Abita Springs is complete, he plans on building on this property. The accessory structure will be to store his grass cutting and maintenance equipment for clearing the lot.

After all discussions between the applicant, the Commissioners, and Josh Hayes, **the applicant decided to withdraw his request.** He will get his permit for a primary dwelling and the submit for the accessory structure after the building permit is issued.

NO ACTION NEEDED OR TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

CONSENT AGENDA

Re: Consent Agenda items listed (a-i)

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the following Consent Agenda items as numbered Items (a-i):

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

MINUTES

Re: Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen dated June 21, 2023

- a. Minutes of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regular meeting dated June 21, 2023.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS/GULFSIDE DRIVE/LIFT STATION REPAIRS/ VANDALISM/INVOICES/BENVENUTTI ELECTRICAL APPARATUS & REPAIRS/LNJ SERVICES, INC.

Re: Emergency Repair on Gulfside Drive, Lift Station #7

- b. Emergency Repair on Gulfside Drive, Lift Station #7 was vandalized and required two companies to make immediate repairs: **(EXHIBIT F)**
1. Benvenuti Electrical Apparatus & Repairs, Inc. in the amount of \$2,967.00 (rewiring and other electrical work) and
 2. LNJ Services, Inc. in the amount of \$720.00 (pump out lift station)

PERSONNEL/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Re: Transfer part-time firefighter Christopher Albrekston to full-time firefighter

- c. Transfer Part-Time firefighter Christopher Albrekston to Full-Time firefighter effective 7/6/21 at a pay rate of \$13.72 per hour. This is filling a vacant budgeted position formerly held by Brentley Melton. Mr. Albrekston is a certified firefighter and meets all minimum standards required for this position; he will be on 12-month probation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL/TRAINING-FIRE DEPARTMENT

Re: Approve firefighter Hayden Hall to attend the Fire Inspector 1031-1 course at the Mississippi State Fire Academy July 10-20, 2023

- d. Approval for firefighter Hayden Hall to attend the Fire Inspector 1031-1 course at the Mississippi State Fire Academy, July 10-20, 2023. Cost to the City will be a course fee of \$885.00 (includes lodging and 2 meals), 8 days per diem of \$224.00 (evening meals only @ \$28/day x 8 days), use of a city vehicle, and covering of his shift while he's attending the course.

INVOICES/CHINICHE ENGINEERING & SURVEYING/GARFIELD LADNER MEMORIAL PIER/CITYWIDE DRAINAGE/FEMA

Re: Invoices from Various Entities/Agencies/Contractors/Engineers, etc.

- e. The following Invoices from various Entities/Agencies/Contractors/Engineers, etc.:
1. Chiniche Engineering & Surveying Invoice #22-002-0092 dated 6/26/23 in the amount of \$12,500.00 for Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier project design (preliminary design for FEMA repairs). **(EXHIBIT G)**
 2. Chiniche Engineering & Surveying Invoice #22-002-00510 dated 6/26/23 in the amount of \$12,500.00 for Citywide Drainage Conceptual design (cost estimates and analysis). **(EXHIBIT H)**

PERSONNEL/RESIGNATIONS/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Re: Accept Resignations of the following personnel:

- f. Accept resignations of following personnel:
1. Payton Faye from the Police Department effective 7/2/23. **(EXHIBIT I)**

PERSONNEL/CITY HALL

Re: Hire the Following for various positions, as listed:

- g. Hire the following for various positions, as listed:
 - 1. N/A

WEBINARS/HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT/PAY ROLL/CITY HALL

Re: Approve Kyleigh Seale and Janita Cole to attend Live Webinar for ADA/FMLA Leave Issues

- h. Approve Kyleigh Seale and Janita Cole to attend Live Webinar for ADA/FMLA Leave Issues at a cost of \$438.00. This will be held July 12, 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT/REFUND CHECKS/UTILITY CUSTOMER REFUND

CHECKS/CITY OF WAVELAND

Re: Approve Monthly Utility Customer Deposit Refund Checks

- i. Approve monthly Utility Customer Deposit refund checks totaling \$2,575.00 numbered #7225 through #7241 as submitted by Utility Office Manager Julie Bromwell. Note: \$1,507.38 is due to the City of Waveland and \$5,322.62 is due to customers.
(EXHIBIT J)

END CONSENT AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: Consider entering a closed session for discussion by City Attorney Regarding Pending Litigation

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to consider entering a closed session for discussion by City Attorney, Ronald Artigues regarding Pending Litigation.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Re: Enter into Executive Session

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to enter an executive session for discussion by City Attorney, Ronald Artigues regarding Pending Litigation.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Re: Exit Executive Session with no action taken

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to come out of executive with no action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

ADVERTISEMENT/RFQ/INSURANCE/SERVICES

Re: Authorize advertisement for RFQ'S for Insurance Services

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to authorize advertisement for RFQ's for Insurance Services.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

ADJOURN

Re: Adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

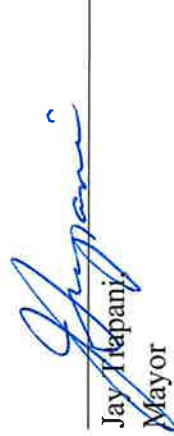
Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None



Lisa Planchard,
City Clerk



Jay Trapani
Mayor