

MINUTES
BRANDON BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BUTCH LEE, MAYOR PRESIDING
DECEMBER 19, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Lee and Aldermen Farris, Middleton, Womack, Coker, Vison, Williams and Craine were present.
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Christian Hariel with Mayor's Youth Council gave the invocation and McKenzie McIlwain with Mayor's Youth Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS –
 - Paul Lanning with Allen Engineering, gave an update regarding the City's MPDES Phase II Stormwater Program, including reporting, presentations, inspections and training. He advised that the City's program is in excellent shape.
 - Mayor Lee gave an update regarding Magic of Lights. As of December 18th, there have been approximately 31,466 tickets sold.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve the Work Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022.

Alderman Womack made the motion to approve agenda item 4.1, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

1. Adopt a resolution to extend the repealer as included in the 2018 HB1629 regarding 2% restaurant sales tax.
2. Authorize permission to extend the rental agreement with United Rentals, a state contract vendor, for an additional month, at the terms of the original rental agreement as approved on October 3, 2022; authorize payment of the same; and amend the budget accordingly.
3. Approve a professional services agreement with North American Midway Entertainment - Astro Amusement, LLC.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 5.1-5.3 in accordance with the related memos from the Mayor's Office which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK

1. Renew the property, auto and equipment insurance with Travelers for 2023 in the amount of \$178,953.00 and authorize the City Clerk to execute all related documents.
2. Approve a Right of Way/Easement for Buried Communications Cables, Wires and

Access Pedestals to Telepak Networks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same, first finding that the easement is directly beneficial to the City.

3. Approve the Docket of Claims for December 19, 2022.

Alderman Craine made the motion to approve agenda items 6.1-6.3 in accordance with the related memos of the City Clerk which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Farris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. CHARLES SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS

1. Adopt an Order amending Utility Rates as codified in Appendix C of the Code of Ordinance in accordance with Sections 82-55 with regard to the amendments of utility rates.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda item 7.1 in accordance with the memo from the Public Works Department which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Farris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

2. Authorize advertisement for bids for various city projects pursuant to the memo.
3. Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. final summary change order reducing the contract price and pay request #1 (final) in the amount of \$72,035.05 and authorize payment of the same with regard to the Timber Street Downtown Crosswalk Improvement Project.
4. Declare as an emergency in accordance with MCA 31-7-13(k), the repairs made by Gould Enterprises in the amount of \$26,819.50 and authorize payment of the same.
5. Declare as an emergency in accordance with MCA 31-7-13(k), the repairs to the Gray Daniels lift station repairs made by Harvey Services in the amount of \$8,989.93 and authorize payment of the same.
6. Rescind Board action taken on November 7, 2022 under section 7.15 of the Minutes with regard to the hiring Russell Fitzhugh.
7. Rescind Board action taken on November 21, 2022 under section 7.2 of the Minutes with regard to the hiring of James Wilson.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda items 7.2-7.7, in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Womack and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Public hearing and board action regarding consideration of variance application requests from Wilson Auto Group (Parcel H8M-6).

The public hearing was opened with respect to the referenced variance application whereupon the Public Works Director advised that all of the pre-requisites to the public hearing have been met, and that the matter was presented to the Planning Commission which recommended

approval of the application and that the Community Development Department prepared a Staff Report #22-039 which is appended to the Minutes of the public hearing and thereafter the Director described the nature of the application whereupon those interested in providing public comment regarding the same were given the opportunity to come forward and speak, whereupon Robert Farr, architect for the applicant, explained the reasons approval of the application was necessary, and no others provided any additional public comments and the public hearing was closed. Thereafter, Alderman Craine, first incorporating the matters presented at the public hearing and in the Staff Report, which is appended hereto, and first finding that the conditions and requirements for the City's approval of the application as set forth in Section 9.6 of the City's Zoning Ordinance have been met, made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

9. WAYNE DEARMAN, POLICE CHIEF

1. Accept the resignation of Officer Johnny Jenkins effective December 19, 2022.
2. Approve the promotions and adjust rates of pay effective December 20, 2022 pursuant to the memo for:
 - a. Officer Taylor Lofton to Patrol Sergeant.
 - b. Officer Robbie Reid to Detective.
3. Increase the salary of Officer Richard Moore effective December 8, 2022, pursuant to the memo, upon completing MLEOTA.
4. Hire the following effective December 20, 2022 and set rates of pay pursuant to memos:
 - a. Breilon Lindsey as a Patrolman / law enforcement trainee.
 - b. Robert Wells as a Patrolman / law enforcement trainee.
 - c. Hayden Lukens as a Communications Officer.
 - d. Ziera Bates as a Patrolman / law enforcement trainee.
 - e. William McIntyre IV as a Patrolman.
 - f. Cody Small as a Patrolman / law enforcement trainee.
5. Authorize Chief Dearman and Deputy Chief Pack to attend the 2023 New Police Chiefs Orientation in Ridgeland, MS on January 8-13, 2023.

Alderman Womack made the motion to approve agenda items 9.1-9.5 in accordance with the memos from the Police Department which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. BRIAN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF

1. Hire Jeremy Jackson as a Firefighter effective December 19, 2022 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
2. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Brandon Fire Department and the Mississippi State Fire Academy with regard to training and authorize the Fire Chief and/or Division Chief to execute the same.
3. Purchase equipment with the Homeland Security Grant #22HS128 from Sunbelt Fire, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$10,364.92 plus shipping and authorize payment of the same.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 10.1-10.3 in accordance with the memos from the Fire Department which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Williams made the motion to consider the need to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Womack made the motion to go into Executive Session (1) to discuss personnel matters involving the fire and police department, (2) to discuss the issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City, and (3) to discuss the location of a business or industry in the City, seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Womack then made the motion to resume the Regular Board Meeting out of Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(That no votes were taken in Executive Session was announced upon return to the board room.)

ADJOURN

Alderman Womack made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Craine and upon unanimous vote the motion carried. (Next Regular Board Meeting January 3, 2023).

Minutes approved this the 3rd day of January 2023.



Hon. Butch Lee, Mayor

Attest:



Hon. Angela Bean, City Clerk

