

MINUTES  
BRANDON BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BUTCH LEE, MAYOR PRESIDING  
MARCH 1, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Butch Lee, Aldermen Dobbs, Middleton, Morris, Coker, Williams, Vinson and Corley were present.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Invocation: Kayle Amos, Mayor's Youth Council
- Pledge of Allegiance: Peyton Bryant, Mayor's Youth Council

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Representatives of Barlow & Company provided a status report regarding the completion of the city's audit report and advised that no issues have been determined and that the final report should be completed and presented for review and adoption at the first meeting in April.
- Sharon Womack, Candidate for Alderman At Large – Gave comments regarding her candidacy for the office.
- Gary Simons – Gave public comments concerning the quoting process regarding the purchase of carpet for City Hall.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021.

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

5. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

1. Approve the continuation of a local emergency for an additional thirty (30) days or such time that the Governor of Mississippi lifts the State of Emergency, whichever comes first.

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve agenda item 5.1 in accordance with the related memo from the Mayor, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the same:
  - a. Extension and first addendum to the professional service agreement with Event Concessions regarding City Hall Live.
  - b. Extension and third addendum to the professional service agreement with Event Concessions regarding the Brandon Amphitheater.
  
2. Approve:
  - a. Docket of Claims for March 2, 2021.
  - b. Electronic Fund Transfers for February 2021.
  - c. Fox Everett Claims released February 18 & 25, 2021.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda items 6.1(a-b) and 6.2 (a-c) in accordance with the related memos from the City Clerk, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. MATT DODD, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Recessed public hearing and board action regarding the consideration of a conditional use application request from Bedi & Thind, LLC for 1.37 acres of parcel #J8-65.

The Recessed Public Hearing was opened with respect to the referenced conditional use application. The Community Development Director advised that all pre-requisites to the Public Hearing have been met and that the matter was presented to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions, as presented by the Community Development Department in its Staff Report, which is appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Director then generally described the application whereupon those desiring to make a public comment were requested to come forward and speak. No one appeared to provide any other public comment with respect to the same. The Public Hearing was then closed.

First incorporating the matters presented at the Public Hearing and based on the recommendations and conditions of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Department as fully set forth in the Staff Report appended hereto and finding the requirements of Section 9.7 of the City's Zoning Ordinance have been satisfactorily shown, Alderman Dobbs made the motion to approve the application as presented, subject to conditions in the Staff Report as stated, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. CHARLES SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Declare one (1) Apple I Phone XR bearing serial # DX3CL03NKXKN and one (1) Apple I Pad Pro bearing serial #DMPV60DRHPT4 as lost or stolen and delete from inventory.

2. Eliminate the pressure reducer valve fee of \$125.00 pursuant to the memo.
3. Approve the utility adjustment/denials pursuant to the memo.
4. Find and declare that in accordance with MCA Section 31-7-13(k) an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of such commodities and repair contract for storm drain repairs at 312 East Brandon Court, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authorities and injurious to the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry and finding that was necessary and required to initiate action immediately to insure the provision of essential services to the citizenry, and accordingly approve as an emergency the storm drain repairs at 312 East Brandon Court by Southernscapes Landscape & Design in the amount of \$5,266.00 and authorize payment of the same.
5. Find and declare that in accordance with MCA Section 31-7-13(k) an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of such commodities and repair contract for sewer repairs on Price Drive, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authorities and injurious to the health, safety and welfare of the citizenry and finding that was necessary and required to initiate action immediately to insure the provision of essential services to the citizenry, and accordingly approve as an emergency the sewer repairs on Prince Drive by Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$5,967.00 and authorize payment of the same.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda items 8.1-8.5 in accordance with the related memos from the Public Works Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Middleton and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

## 9. PARKS & RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

1. Hire Nico Stringa as a Seasonal Laborer effective March 2, 2021 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
2. Approve the rental agreement for Journey Church for rental of city facilities and authorize the Mayor to execute the same.
3. Accept the resignation of Park Maintenance Superintendent, Corey Voyles effective March 12, 2021.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve agenda items 9.1-9.3 in accordance with the related memos from the Parks and Receptions Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. WILLIAM THOMPSON, POLICE CHIEF

1. Spread onto the minutes the letter from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission dated January 29, 2021 recognizing the Brandon Police Department as a certified law enforcement agency in compliance with Executive Order 13929 regarding use of force.
2. Permission for Sergeant Seth Brown to travel to Jonesboro, AR to attend the CTS Training Institute on March 29-April 1, 2021.

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve agenda items 10.1-10.2 in accordance with the related memos from the Police Chief, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

11. BRIAN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF

1. Monthly Reports:
  - a. Siren Report; functions properly: N/A Issues: N/A
  - b. EMS Report; # of P1 calls: 178 Average Response Time: 9:19

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Alderman Dobbs made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation involving the police department and personnel matters, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to retain Phelps Dunbar to represent the City regarding *Porter vs. City of Brandon, et. al*, Case No. 3:20-cv-00102DPJ-FKB in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi at rates as set forth in the email from Todd Butler dated February 26, 2021, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made the motion to terminate individual with badge #B60, as a reserve police officer, and to determine that the individual is ineligible for reinstatement or rehire, with a memo generally describing the reasons therefore to be included in the individual's personnel file, seconded by Alderman Corley, and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

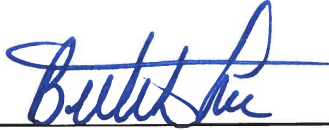
Alderman Coker made the motion to resume the Regular Board Meeting out of Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(That votes were taken in Executive Session was announced upon return to the board room.)

13. ADJOURN

Alderman Morris made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried. (Next Regular Board Meeting: March 16, 2021).

Minutes approved this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



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Hon. Butch Lee, Mayor

Attest:



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Hon. Angela Bean, City Clerk

