

MINUTES
BRANDON BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BUTCH LEE, MAYOR PRESIDING
MAY 18, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Lee, Aldermen Dobbs, Middleton (*by phone*), Morris, Coker, Williams, Vinson and Corley.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Invocation: Mayor Lee.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS – Mayor Lee gave recognition to Crossgates Baptist Church and Mr. Jeremy Loden for allowing the City to use media equipment and to lend expertise to the City for live-streaming on the City’s website, YouTube channel, Facebook pages, and Twitter accounts. Mayor Lee recognized Eddie Adams, Beth Johnson, Jody Compton, Lori Farrar, Amy Davis, Carley Keyes, Dawn Errington, Angelia Pryor and Robert Robinson for painting and providing light maintenance in the City Hall hallways and Senior Center Lobby. Mayor Lee made comments with respect to the work the Brandon Garden Club is doing to have 276 crape myrtle trees in the Old Brandon Cemetery and in Brandon Memorial Gardens treated for crape myrtle bark scale.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2020.

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

2. Declare \$857,071.00 as forfeited funds and deposit into the Drug Seizure Fund and authorize disbursements to the Rankin County District Attorney and the Rankin County Sheriff’s Department in accordance with MS Code 41-29-181.

Alderman Dobbs made the motion to approve agenda item 5.2 in accordance with the related memo from the Mayor, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

3. Approve the reallocation of a sum not to exceed \$10,000 from the Senior Center budget for the purchase of subscriptions, software, installation and equipment for purposes of live-streaming meetings and events on the City's website, You Tube channel, Facebook pages, and Twitter accounts.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve agenda item 5.3 in accordance with the related memo from the Mayor, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6. ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK

1. Approve the docket of claims for May 19, 2020.

Alderman Coker made the motion to approve agenda item 6.1, in accordance with the related memo from the City Clerk, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

7. RAMIE FORD, PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Hire seasonal Splash Park attendants effective May 19, 2020 and set rates of pay pursuant to the memo.

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

8. CHARLES SMITH, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Declare ten (10) vehicles as surplus property, the vehicles are not operational, and the cost of repairs exceeds their value and authorize sale at auction of the same pursuant to the memo.
2. Approve the extension of the 30-ton dump truck rental from Scott Equipment for one (1) month in the amount of \$8,750.00, as the lowest and best quote received, for use at the Quarry Park Lake.
3. Spread the May 12, 2020 MS Public Service Commission Order Extending Temporary Suspending Disconnection of Certain Utility Services on the Minutes and extend the Board action taken on April 6, 2020, regarding the temporary suspension of utility procedures and waivers to be effective until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 26, 2020.
4. Authorize purchase one six-foot bush hog rotary cutter from Deviney Equipment, a state contract vendor, in the amount of \$5,694.00 and authorize payment of the same.

5. Authorize advertising for bids with regard to the Boyce Thompson Bike Lane Project pursuant to the memo.

Alderman Vinson 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 Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

9. BRIAN ROBERTS, FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Hire Gerald “Scott” Webb as a certified Firefighter effective May 19, 2020 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
2. Surplus equipment that is no longer of use or value to the City and authorize the destruction and disposal pursuant to the memo.
3. Authorize purchase a refurbished Lifepak 15 from Master Medical Equipment, as the lowest and best quote received, in the amount of \$19,420.00 and authorize payment of the same.

Alderman Dobbs made the motion to approve agenda items 9.1- 9.3, in accordance with the related memos from the Fire Department, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10. WILLIAM THOMPSON, POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Adopt ordinance amending Article V, Sections 78-90 through 78-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brandon with regard to wrecker services.
2. Transfer Communications Officer Paige Ramage to Patrolman effective June 28, 2020 and set rate of pay pursuant to the memo.
3. Authorize Chief William Thompson to travel to Biloxi, MS to attend the MS Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Conference on September 27-October 2, 2020.
4. Authorize advertisement for bids for the purchase of six (6) police package SUV's.

Alderman Williams made the motion to approve agenda items 10.1- 10.4, in accordance with the related memos from the Police Department, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Coker and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Alderman Williams made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters involving city hall administration and the police department, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Vinson made the motion to terminate employee #1227, effective immediately, and to declare said employee as ineligible for rehire, for the reasons expressed by the Police Chief in Executive Session and as generally described in the department memo regarding his recommendation and this employee, a copy of which is to be placed in the employee's personnel file, and to authorize the Chief of Police to reflect this action in that certain Law Enforcement Termination/Reassignment Report to be completed and provided to the Mississippi Peace Officer Standards and Training, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

(The vote taken in Executive Session was announced upon return to the Board Room.)

12. 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 – June 1, 2020).

Minutes approved this the 1st day of June 2020.



Hon. Butch Lee, Mayor

Attest:



Hon. Angela Bean, City Clerk

