MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2014

The Regular Board Meeting was held in the Brandon City Hall Boardroom, 1000 Municipal Drive, Brandon, Mississippi. The meeting was led by Mayor Butch Lee. Aldermen Morrow, Morris, Williams, Corley Christopher, and Vinson were present. Alderman Coker was absent. City Attorney Mark Baker led the prayer and 11 year old Brandon All-Star Wells Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comments/Recognitions: 11 year old Brandon All-Stars who won the State Championship were recognized. Public comments were made by Judith Hammons, 28 Stonegate Drive, regarding major problems with Crossgates Lake regarding the recent fish kill. John Swell, 32 Stonegate Drive, addressed the Board concerning the fish kill too and that the lake is down to almost nothing and he also complained that he had not seen that the City was spraying for mosquitos.

1. APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING JULY 21, 2014

Alderman Morris made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 21, 2014, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

2. APPROVE A WORK ORDER FROM GLOBAL SOFTWARE FOR A SERVER REBUILD AT NO COST TO THE CITY AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE SAME

Alderman Corley made the motion to approve a work order from Global Software for a server rebuild at no cost to the city and to authorize execution of the same, in accordance with the memo from Police Chief, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman William and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

3. ADD ROB MARTIN TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVE ROSTER

Alderman Morrow made the motion to add Rob Martin to the Fire Department Reserve roster, in accordance with the memo from Fire Chief, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD ACTION IN RELATION TO A VARIANCE REQUEST OF RONALD AND FAYE BARR TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERSIZE 30'X30' DETACHED GARAGE FOR PERSONAL USE AT THEIR RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 146 SPRING COVE, LOT #4 THE HILLS OF CROSSGATES, IN A R-1 ZONED DISTRICT

The Public Hearing was opened regarding a variance request by Ronald and Faye Barr to permit construction of an oversized 30'x30' detached garage for personal use at their residence located at 146 Spring Cove, Lot #4 The Hills of Crossgates, in a R-1 zoned district. The
Director of Community Development advised that all prerequisites to the public hearing have been met, and that the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the same. The memo from the Director of Community Development with respect to the same, and the documents and things pertaining to the same, including the Minutes of the Planning Commission, are appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Director of Community Development advised the Board as to the reasons why the recommendation of the Planning Commission was to recommend approval of the application as set forth in her memo to the Board. The City Attorney then asked for public comments with respect to the same. Ronald Barr spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition to the request. The Public Hearing was then closed. Alderman Vinson then made the motion to approve the variance request, first incorporating the findings of the Planning Commission and the documents and things presented to and prepared by the Planning Commission and the Director of Community Development in relation to the application, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

5.

PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD ACTION REGARDING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST OF DANIEL BAILEY TO EXTEND A RESIDENTIAL USE INTO A PORTION OF LAND ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF HWY. 468 AND HWY. 18 (PARCEL ID # I8B-4-80) FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

The Public Hearing was opened regarding a special exception request of Daniel Bailey to extend a residential use into a portion of land zoned for commercial use located near the intersection of Hwy. 468 and Hwy. 18 (Parcel ID # I8B-4-80) for the purpose of building a single-family dwelling. The Director of Community Development advised that all prerequisites to the public hearing have been met, and that the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the same with conditions. The memo from the Director of Community Development with respect to the same, and the documents and things pertaining to the same, including the Minutes of the Planning Commission, are appended hereto and incorporated herein. The Director of Community Development advised the Board as to the reasons why the recommendation of the Planning Commission was to recommend approval of the application as set forth in her memo to the Board. The City Attorney then asked for public comments with respect to the same. Pat Robinson and Tommy Brewer asked questions of the Community Development Director. Daniel Bailey spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke in opposition to the request. The Public Hearing was then closed. Alderman Corley then made the motion to approve the special exception request with the conditions determined by the Planning Commission, first incorporating the findings of the Planning Commission and the documents and things presented to and prepared by the Planning Commission and the Director of Community Development in relation to the application, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

6.

PROMOTE KEITH BATISTE TO WATER SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 11, 2014, AND ADJUST THE SALARY ACCORDINGLY

Alderman Williams made the motion to promote Keith Batiste to Water Superintendent effective August 11, 2014, and to adjust the salary accordingly, in accordance with the memo
from Public Works Director, which is appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.


Alderman Williams made the motion to accept 2014 Continuing Disclosure Statement as prepared by Butler Snow; to approve the Docket of Claims for periods ending July 22, July 29, and August 4, 2014; and to approve the Fox Everett claims released on July 28, and July 30, 2014, in accordance with the memos from City Clerk, which are appended hereto, seconded by Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Corley made the motion to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, pending and potential litigation, and the acquisition of real property, seconded by Alderman Morrow and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Corley then made the motion to go into Executive Session for the reasons stated and more specifically to discuss personnel matters involving employees of the Community Development Department, pending litigation with Duran Builders, et. al., potential litigation regarding a recently filed EEOC complaint, the acquisition of real property for a fire station and for the Rankin Trails Project and potential litigation regarding a dispute with the City of Pearl regarding Ashbury Lane Village, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Morrow made the motion to hire Phelps Dunbar to represent the City with regard to the pending EEOC personnel matter, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Morrow made the motion to approve a contract amendment regarding the Rankin Trails Project and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Morrow made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute releases and to dismiss lawsuit against Duran Builders and others upon receipt of $35,000.00 in settlement monies from the defendants, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

Alderman Morrow made the motion to hire Slaughter & Associates to provide land use planning with respect to possible annexation and with respect to property located adjacent to the City, seconded by Alderman Vinson and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.
Alderman Williams made the motion to authorize the Mayor to retain an appraiser to perform an appraisal under the Real Property Acquisition Act and to incur costs for soil samples with respect to that certain real property described as Parcel ID # 17-119-10 which is being offered for sale by the owner, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

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

9.
APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEARL REGARDING ASBURY LANE SUBDIVISION SEWER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SAME

Alderman Vinson made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pearl regarding Asbury Lane Subdivision sewer, which is appended hereto, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the same, seconded by Alderman Morris and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

10.
SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY14 BUDGET FOR AUGUST 19, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M.

Alderman Morrow made the motion to set a public hearing for the proposed FY2014-2015 budget for August 19, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room at City Hall, seconded by Alderman Corley and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

11.
ADJOURN

Alderman Morrow made the motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Alderman Williams and upon unanimous vote the motion carried.

(Next Regular Board Meeting will be on August 18, 2014).

MINUTES APPROVED THIS THE 18th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

HON. BUTCH LEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

ANGELA BEAN, CITY CLERK