

MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 06, 2020 at 5:00 PM

203 Goodyear BLVD, Picayune, MS 39466

Be it Remembered that the Mayor and City Council of Picayune, Pearl River County, Mississippi, met at City Hall, 203 Goodyear Blvd., in said City, Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in regular session with the following officials:

PRESENT

Mayor Ed Pinero

Council Member Janice Stevens

Council Member Larry Breland

Council Member Lynn Bogan Bumpers

Council Member Tammy Valente

Council Member Wayne Gouguet

City Manager Jim Luke

City Clerk Amber Hinton

Opening prayer was given by Bro. Barry Lee

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Larry Breland.

AT THIS TIME, SENATOR ANGELA HILL SPOKE CONCERNING THE FUNDS BEING RECEIVED FROM THE STATE TO AIDE IN RESTORATION OF THE EXTERIOR OF CITY HALL AS WELL AS THE INITIATIVE 65 ON THE NOVEMBER 3 BALLOT.

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDER TO APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the Minutes of the City of Picayune dated September 14, 2020 and September 15, 2020.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to acknowledge receipt of budget report for the month of September 2020.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

MOTION TO BUY BACK CEMETERY PLOTS

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to buy back cemetery plots from Cecil Burton who no longer wants them. Plots described as Lots 152 & 153, Block E, New Palestine South.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

MOTION TO CONTINUE THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to continue the Declaration of Emergency due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FY 2021 FINAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to acknowledge receipt of the FY 2021 final assessed valuations provided by Pearl River County.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF FY 2020 COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to acknowledge receipt of the FY 2020 Compliance Questionnaire.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ORDER TO APPROVE DOCKET

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the docket for October 6, 2020 in the amount of \$704,075.38.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

PETITION AND COMMUNICATIONS

PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Council Member Valente, Seconded by Council Member Stevens to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER

REAPPOINT MEMBER TO THE PICAYUNE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Motion made by Council Member Breland, Seconded by Council Member Bumpers to reappoint Mary Cassie Bolden to the Picayune Housing Authority.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

FINANCE ADMINISTRATION

AUTHORIZE THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE FY 2020 AUDIT

Motion made by Council Member Bumpers, Seconded by Council Member Valente to authorize the engagement of the FY 2020 audit.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

AUTHORIZE REQUEST TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the request to issue a Request for Proposals for Property Insurance.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ADOPT THE ORDER ACCEPTING MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY FRANCHISE

Motion made by Council Member Breland, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the request to adopt the Order Accepting Mississippi Power Company Franchise.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ADOPT ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH PICAYUNE MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Motion made by Council Member Valente, Seconded by Council Member Stevens to adopt and Ordinance No. 956 to Abolish Picayune Municipal Election Commission and to establish the City's intent to enter into an agreement with Pearl River County to have the County Election Commissioners conduct municipal elections and other functions performed by municipal election commissioners for the benefit of the efficiency and conformity of elections and to abolish the Picayune municipal election commissioners.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

APPROVE POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Bumpers to approve the following polling place changes: Precinct 2-From Central Fire Station to First United Methodist Church (N Haugh Ave.) Precinct 5-From Chimney Square to Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

GRANT ADMINISTRATION

ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to adopt a Resolution declaring the necessity for the issuance of State General Obligation Bonds to provide funds to assist the City of Picayune in paying the costs associated with the exterior restoration to Historic City Hall.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

APPROVE REQUEST TO HOLD A TRICK OR TREAT AT CROSBY COMMONS

Motion made by Council Member Valente, Seconded by Council Member Stevens to approve the request to hold a Trick or Treat at Crosby Commons on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY PLANNING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to accept the Department of Public Safety Division of Public Safety Planning Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$10,000.00.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

PUBLIC WORKS

ACCEPT DONATION FROM EXTERIOR EXPRESSIONS, LLC

Motion made by Council Member Breland, Seconded by Council Member Valente to accept donation of 22 fence panels and 15 posts from Exterior Expressions, LLC.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

AUTHORIZE SURPLUS OF A 2001 DODGE Q25 PICK UP

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to authorize request to surplus a 2001 Dodge Q25 pick-up truck VIN 3B7KC23Z71G792277.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

APPROVE REQUEST TO EXTEND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN REGIONAL CORPORATION AND CITY OF PICAYUNE

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the request to extend Lease Agreement between Southern Regional Corporation and City of Picayune for one additional year.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

CITY ENGINEER

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion made by Council Member Breland, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve Change Order #3 for the Drinking Water System Improvement Project to extend time for the project to be completed.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

POLICE DEPARTMENT

APPROVE AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT TO THE PICAYUNE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion made by Council Member Stevens, Seconded by Council Member Valente to approve the Agreement to Transfer Law Enforcement Equipment to the Picayune School District.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

MISCELLANEOUS COUNCIL MEMBER’S BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE THE WEEMS STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT

Motion made by Council Member Breland, Seconded by Council Member Bumper to authorize the Weems Street Sidewalk Project.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente

MAYOR’S UPDATE

CITIZEN’S CONCERNS

RECESS

ORDER TO RECESS

Motion made by Council Member Valente, Seconded by Council Member Stevens to recess until October 20, 2020.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pinero, Council Member Stevens, Council Member Breland, Council Member Bumpers, Council Member Valente, Council Member Gouguet

ATTEST:

Amber Hinton, City Clerk

Ed Pinero, Mayor