CITY OF FLOWOOD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLOWOOD, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Held July 1, 2024 6:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Flowood met at their regular meeting place on July 1, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Gary Rhoads, Alderman Kathy Smith, Alderman Don Flynt, Alderman Kirk McDaniel, and City Clerk Josh Carlisle.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rusty Fortenberry and Eric Zetterholm. Also, see the attached list.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhoads.

The invocation was given by Alderman Kathy Smith.

Item #1 – Approval of Consent Agenda Items – See list attached.

- A. Approval and/or Corrections of the minutes of the Board meeting for June 17, 2024.
- B. Approval of General Claims Dockets and Supplemental Claim Dockets and Paid Claims Docket.
- C. Approval of the Refuge Golf Course Claim Docket.
- D. Approval of the ARPA Storm Drainage Improvements Claims Docket.
- E. Approval of the Water Well Improvements Claims Docket.
- F. Approval of the FY 2024 Road Projects Claims Docket.
- G. Approval of the LPA Multi-use Trail Projects Claims Docket.
- H. Approval of the North Flowood Drive Improvements Claims Docket.
- I. Approval of the Liberty Park Improvements Claims Docket.
- J. Approval of the Adams Street Park Improvements Claims Docket.
- K. Approval of the Library Improvements Claims Docket.
- L. Approval of the Water and Sewer 592 Improvements Claims Docket.
- M. Approval of the Castlewood's Tank Improvements Claims Docket.
- N. Ratification of a 36-month lease agreement with RJ Young for the copier for the administrative/accounting office.
- O. Approval of Public Works Director's recommendation to suspend employee #10-159 for three days without pay.

A motion was made by Alderman Flynt to approve the above consent agenda items (copies attached). This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board members present.

Item #2 - Award of bid for the Dexter Drive Cell Tower Project

Josh Carlisle presented the bids (copies attached) for the Dexter Drive Cell Tower Project. A motion was made by Alderman McDaniel to award the bid to Diamond K Tower Company, Inc. in the amount of \$221,800.00. This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

Item #3 - Award of the bid for the Liberty Park Pickleball Project

Josh Carlisle presented the bids (copies attached) for the Liberty Park Pickleball Project. A motion was made by Alderman McDaniel to award the bid for the project including add alternate #1 (playground and associated items) to Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,324,336.65. This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

Item #4 - Other Business

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There was no other business to come before the Board.

Item #5 - Adjourn

Alderman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Alderman McDaniel whereupon the meeting was adjourned with the unanimous approval from all Board members present.

GARY RHOADS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSH CARLISLE, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF FLOWOOD REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FLOWOOD, RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Held July 15, 2024 6:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Flowood met at their regular meeting place on July 15, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

The following members were present: Mayor Gary Rhoads, Alderman Deron Harmon, Alderman Kathy Smith, Alderman Don Flynt, Alderman Kirk McDaniel, and City Clerk Josh Carlisle.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rusty Fortenberry, Tamela Bowers, Eric Zetterholm, Daniel Lang, Mike Prestage, Cory Ladner, Paul Forster, and Jeffrey Welborn. Also, see the attached list.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rhoads.

The invocation was given Alderman Don Flynt.

Item #1 – Approval of Consent Agenda Items – See list attached.

- A. Approval and/or Corrections of the minutes of the Board meeting for July 1, 2024.
- B. Authorization to advertise the public hearing for the FY 2024 City-Wide budgets and tax levy in the Rankin County News. The hearing date will be August 19, 2024.
- C. Ratification of Flowood Police Department disciplinary action with the demotion of employee #239 to Investigator STEP 12.
- D. Approval of a Resolution and Ad Valorem Tax Agreement between the City of Flowood and Ergon, Inc. and Mirror Lake Building, LLC for a Fee-in-Lieu abatement of an ad valorem taxation and, in the alternative, an ad valorem tax exemption related to project financing through the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, subject to final attorney review.
- E. Approval of Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Flowood, Mississippi approving the acquisition of certain property owned by Illinois Central Railroad Company, and for related purposes.
- F. Approval of changes to the Flowood Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Section 100 Organizational Structure. The changes are to become effective immediately upon approval.
- G. Approval of changes to the Flowood Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines Section 700 Promotional Guidelines. The changes are to become effective January 1, 2025.
- H. Authorization for the Mayor to sign all Memorandum of Understandings related to the MCWI subawards.
- I. Authorization for the Mayor to accept a deed of dedication for a permanent utility easement from Michael L. Kelly and Charlene Gentry Kelly.

A motion was made by Alderman Flynt to approve the above consent agenda items (copies attached). This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board members present.

Item #2 - Jeffrey Welborn - Fire Chief

Alderman Seth Robbins entered the meeting.

A. Personnel Recommendation – Private II Step 1 (Joshua W. Hanley)

Jeffrey Welborn recommended hiring Joshua W. Hanley in a Private II Step 1 position. A motion was made by Alderman Smith to hire Joshua W. Hanley in a Private II Step 1 position. This motion was seconded by Alderman Harmon and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

B. Personnel Recommendation – Private II Step 1 (Christian B. Odom)

Jeffrey Welborn recommended hiring Christian B. Odom in a Private II Step 1 position. A motion was made by Alderman McDaniel to hire Christian B. Odom in a Private II Step 1 position. This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

Item #3 - Paul Forster - Director of Engineering

A. Award the Bid for raising the Castlewoods Water Tank

Paul Forster presented and recommended awarding the bid (copy attached) for the Castlewoods Water Tank Project to Pitsburg Tank & Tower Co., Inc. in the amount of \$393,211.00. A motion was made by Alderman Harmon to award the bid to Pitsburg Tank & Tower Co., Inc. in the amount of \$393,211.00. This motion was seconded by Alderman Robbins and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

B. Approval of the Preliminary Plat of Lost Pine Phase 2

Paul Forster presented and recommended approval of the preliminary plat of Lost Pine Phase 2 (copy attached). A motion was made by Alderman Robbins to approve the preliminary plat of Lost Pine Phase 2. This motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

C. Approval of the Final Plat of Bristol Crossing Phase 2

Paul Forster presented and recommended approval of the final plat of Bristol Crossing Phase 2 (copy attached), subject to receipt of a letter of credit from the developer. A motion was made by Alderman Robbins to approve the final plat of Bristol Crossing Phase 2 subject to receipt of a letter of credit from the developer. This motion was seconded by Alderman McDaniel and received unanimous approval from all Board Members present.

Item #4 - Other Business

A. Recognition of the Flowood First Responders for their heroic actions on May 17, 2024.

On Friday, May 17, 2024, just after 1:00 a.m., fire department personnel responded with the police department to the intersection of Lakeland Drive and Old Fannin Road for a traffic accident where a single car crashed into a light pole causing an explosion, trapping the driver — who was 26 weeks pregnant — and causing the car to burst into flames. The crew from Engine 3 arrived on scene in less than four minutes, used their own bodies to shield the trapped female passenger from flames while the fire was extinguished. Engine 3, along with Engine 1 and BC1 were then able to perform a complex extrication, cutting the driver out of the car with the jaws of life, which took over half an hour. They were also able to provide advanced life care for the driver during and after the extrication until she could be turned over to Pafford Ambulance and AirCare for transport to the hospital. It was because of their rapid response, quick selfless actions, and advanced skill that the driver avoided potentially life-threatening injuries, sustained no serious burns, and no complications for the unborn child. The driver was discharged home from the hospital on May 23, 20024.

Fire Chief Jeffrey Welborn recognized Engine 3 – Captain Chris Hite, Lieutenant Clint Sanford, and Private Daniel Watkins; Engine 1 – Lieutenant Andrew Carcich, Private Michael Pilgrim, and Private Koty Davis; and BC1 – Captain Lance Easterling.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen commended the First Responders and all present celebrated with a standing ovation.

Item #5 - Adjourn

Alderman Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alderman Robbins whereupon the meeting was adjourned with the unanimous approval from all Board members present.

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GARY RHOADS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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