

Minutes
Regular Meeting of
The Board of Mayor & Aldermen
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
6:30 p.m.

The Board Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Waveland, Mississippi, met in regular session at the Waveland City Hall Boardroom, 301 Coleman Avenue, Waveland, Mississippi, on February 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to take action on the following matters of City business.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Trapani noted for the record the presence of Aldermen Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine, and Clark along with City Clerk Lisa Planchard. Absent from the meeting was City Attorney Ronnie Artigues.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Trapani briefly spoke about the Citywide Boil Water notice and that the City has been under a Citywide Boil Water Notice for over one day. He said hopefully that will be taken down tomorrow evening. He told the citizens that there were extremely high water pressures throughout the city causing water lines to burst. The city had to adjust the 4 wells by turning some of them off. Around 8 o'clock last night after the restaurants had stopped serving and people were settling down, the city turned off 2 of the wells resulting in a brief pressure drop. The 2 wells were turned back on to restore the pressure hoping that would eliminate the high pressures we were having. We believe we have it under control now with the extremely hard work of our Public Works crew for two full days. It was a combination of an electrical problem on one of the panels, and one of the manual valves was not functioning properly. Mayor Trapani asked the citizens to be patient with the city at this time. The Mayor said he believes they've got the problem corrected and asked the citizens to stay tuned via the City's Facebook page as well as the Website, WLOX and WXXV for more updates.

EASTER PARADE/EVENTS/EASTER EGG HUNT/HANCOCK COUNTY TOURISM

Re: Easter Parade and Egg Hunt Sunday, April 2, 2023

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve holding an Easter Parade/Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 12:00 noon. The City is partnering with Hancock County Tourism and will provide Police for the parade route. The route will start by the Waveland Avenue Playground, down Waveland Avenue to the beach, down the beach to Coleman Ave., and up Coleman to the Town Green. The Mayor mentioned that Tourism's idea was a boat parade, and we'll probably follow up with some golf carts or something like that. This event will also include a scavenger hunt for the older kids/teens that will include places all around the City of Waveland.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

ALDERMAN'S COMMENTS

- **Re: Alderman Gamble** – With regard to our recent water emergency, she discussed the request to look at getting an Emergency Alert System specific to the City of Waveland. For example, the County uses Code Red, but that does not dissect out the individual municipalities. If we had our own system that could have eliminated some of the frustration last night. Alderman Gamble recommended to the public to use the city website and to check it regularly. They can also sign up for Wavemail via a link on the website by registering for email alerts to be sent directly to the email they registered. Mayor Trapani added that Facebook is also a

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good place to check. Alderman Gamble asked if the city has a contact for anyone with the railroad. She mentioned she had a lot of comments with the crossings and not being able to tell them when construction will be complete. She wanted to know if there is anyone we can call to find out this information.

- **Re: Alderman Richardson** – Thanked Chief Prendergast for his officers that were working the night of ALA Ball at the American Legion and the people appreciated them coming out. Alderman Richardson also mentioned the light pole to be installed on Nicholson Avenue. Mayor Trapani told the board that he met with Buddy Borne of Coast Electric and informed them that we know what must be done and believes that there is a pole at the city yard the City can use for this purpose and if there is, then we will ask Coast Electric to install the pole. The city will then have to hire an electrician to run the wire, by running it underground and then up the pole for power.
- **Re: Alderman Lafontaine** – Asked Mayor when he reaches out to CSX to notify them of the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade. A lot of the times they will slow down the traffic coming into that area due to so many people parking alongside the train tracks.
- **Re: Alderman Clark** – Mentioned he had a few complaints from the audience watching on YouTube that said they could not hear what was being said; the microphones not being loud enough on the Live Video streamed on YouTube. He asked that whenever guests approach the podium to speak into the microphone and to also identify themselves so the people viewing on the live stream can hear them more clearly. Alderman Clark also said that when Lamar Advertising put up the digital billboard in Waveland, they made an offer to the city to allow the city to post Boil Water Notices for example, or any events we have going on. Alderman Clark said he reached out to a representative last week and was informed that this offer is still open if the space is available. Other things like PSA's they can run for the city at any time. Alderman Clark said he would get Mayor Trapani all the information to get in touch with them and get a copy for Mrs. Lisa Planchard, City Clerk, as well.
- **Re: Alderman Richardson** – Asked Ms. Boushie about the Safeway to Schools Grant and if we'd heard anything on that. He said he knew the funds were supposed to be released. Ms. Boushie said she hasn't heard anything back from them on that. if there was any recent information for the Sidewalk Project or if there was anyone that can be contacted for this information. She said will check on this for him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

GULFSIDE ASSEMBLY/ CLARENCE HARRIS & CHERYL THOMPSON

Re: Gulfside Assembly 100 Year Anniversary/Railroad Safety

Mr. Harris said he felt it would be beneficial to have a public hearing with someone from the Railroad to talk with the Board about toxic materials and how to handle them since the Railroad runs through Waveland.

Ms. Cheryl Thomson spoke with the Board about the 100-year celebration. She said she would like to reschedule for the next regular board meeting but did leave information for Board members.

BOARD BUSINESS

REALLOCATION OF TIDELANDS FUNDS/TIDELANDS/MARINA PROJECT/RAILINGS REPAIR AT LIGHTHOUSE

Re: Reallocate Tidelands Funds from Marina Planning & Design to Repair Railings at Lighthouse

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to reallocate \$74,000 of Tidelands funds from FY23-P626-05 (Marina Planning & Design Assistance) to pay for

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repair of the railings at the Lighthouse. Chiniche Engineering & Surveying will submit the Reallocation Application. **(EXHIBIT A)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

DOCKET OF CLAIMS

Re: Claims Paid and Unpaid dated 2/22/23

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve the Docket of Claims, paid and unpaid, dated February 22, 2023, in the amount of \$525,798.29, as submitted. **(EXHIBIT B)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

GRANTS/MS. OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP GRANT/CHINICHE ENGINEERING
Re: Chiniche Engineering apply for MS. Outdoor Stewardship Grant

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to hire Chiniche Engineering & Surveying to apply for, on behalf of the City of Waveland, the MS. Outdoor Stewardship Grant. This grant is for outdoor recreation, improvements of parks, restoration of public waters, and other conservation projects. This motion shall authorize the Mayor to sign the application and any other documents related to this grant as required. Amount of the total project cost is \$278,300 with a 10% match from the City in the amount of \$27,830; therefore, the amount of funding requested shall be \$250,470. **(EXHIBIT C)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Alderman Clark recused himself at this time and left the Board Room

PLANNING AND ZONING

Re: 701 View St, Property owner Joseph Rotolo

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve the request of Planning & Zoning and accept the variance request as written. This had been tabled at the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Alderman dated 2/7/23 (see Minutes Excerpt and Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance, pg. 62 & 63 in Agenda Packet). **(EXHIBIT D)**

Joseph Rotolo, owner of the property commonly known as 701 View St., parcel #162K-0-10-162.000, has made an application for a conditional use in order to construct an accessory structure over 500 square feet as stated in Zoning Ord. #349. The proposed accessory structure will be 900 square feet in size. The applicant has also made a request for a one (1) foot variance on the height of the accessory structure. The proposed

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accessory structure will be sixteen (16) feet measured to the mean roof height instead of the fifteen (15) feet limit as stated in Zoning Ord. #349. Mr. Rotolo came forward to explain his request to the Commission. After all discussions, Chairman Frater called for a motion. Commissioner Whitney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, to accept the variance request as written. After a unanimous vote of yes by all Commissioners present, Chairman Frater declared the motion passed.

During discussion Alderman Gamble brought up that this had been postponed due to pending information. Mayor Trapani let Alderman Gamble know that City Attorney Ronnie Artigues had receive the answers to his concerns in writing from FEMA and everything was to his satisfaction so the Board should move forward. He is out of town currently but did let the mayor know to go ahead and move forward. Mr. Rotolo stepped to the podium and presented his packet of FEMA requirements and building specifications within the special flood hazard area. Alderman Lafontaine was assured that no construction would start on the accessory structure until the home permit had been issued and construction started on it. Ms. Conrad came forward and said this is just for the conditional use and variance, but yes, he will have to have home plans submitted and permit issued. She said they can permit them at the same time, but the foundation for the house has to be in place before he starts construction on the accessory structure.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Richardson, Lafontaine

Voting Nay: Gamble

Absent: Clark

At this time Alderman Clark re-entered the Board Room

**2023 PUBLIC AWARENESS PLAN COMPLIANCE OVERVIEW
AUDIT/NATIONAL CORROSION SERVICE/AUDIT 2023-GAS
SYSTEM/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-GAS SYSTEM AUDIT
Re: National Corrosion Service, Inc. to conduct 2023 Public Awareness Plan
Compliance Overview Audit**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to approve National Corrosion Service, Inc. to conduct the 2023 Public Awareness Plan Compliance Overview Audit at a cost of \$927.29 and authorize the Mayor's signature on the required proposal. **(EXHIBIT E)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**ABANDONMENT/STREET ABANDONMENT/ADVERTISEMENT/IRIS STREET
Re: Declaring the abandonment and advertisement of a Section of Iris Street**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Clark to discuss abandoning a section of Iris Street adjacent to the property of Mr. Kevin Jones, Parcel 138N-1-33-075.000 and a authorize the Mayor to initiate the abandonment process of Iris Street and authorize advertisement of the abandonment in the Sea Coast Echo. **(EXHIBIT F)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

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Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**AGREEMENTS/LEASE AGREEMENTS/MISSISSIPPI POWER/LIGHTS ON
HIGHWAY 90 & HIGHWAY 603
Re: Lease Agreement with MS Power**

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve Standard Lease Agreement, including Mayor's signature, with MS. Power, for removal of current street light fixtures and installing and maintaining new LED fixtures along Hwy 90 and 603. Monthly lease payment shall be \$3,278.00. **(EXHIBIT G)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**BIDS/VETERANS MEMORIAL REPAIRS RE-BID PROJECT/CONTRACTS
Re: Contract with Compton Engineering for the Veterans Memorial Repairs Re-Bid Project**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to approve contract with Compton Engineering for the Veterans Memorial Repairs Re-Bid Project and authorize Mayor's signature thereon, pending contract review by City Attorney Ronald Artigues. This motion includes acknowledgment and approval of DNA Underground, LLC as lowest, best and most responsive bidder, with bid amount of \$237,442.00 (Base Bid without any deducts). Note: Price will be \$146,755.02 (Base Bid with Alt #1 deducts and Alt #2 part of the deducts) once change orders are done. **(EXHIBIT H)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**REIEMBURSEMENTS/GRINDER PUMPS/RESOLUTIONS
Re: Reimbursement to Mr. David Gaines for installation of a new grinder pump**

Alderman Richardson moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to reimburse Mr. David Gaines \$4,150 for installation of a new grinder pump at his residence, via Resolution Adopting a Policy for Installation/Replacement of Grinder Pumps on Private Property, as approved by Board of Mayor & Aldermen 1/4/22. Check can be issued once the City Clerk receives Mr. Gaine's invoice for the grinder pump cost; she already had the Labor invoice for this job. Mr. Gaines shall sign a right-of-entry for the City to enter his property to service the grinder pump when required. **(EXHIBIT I)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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**RESOLUTIONS/MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM/GRANTS/ARPA/(MCWI**

**Re: Approve and authorize signatures on the updated Resolution by the City of
Waveland regarding the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure
Grant Program**

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to approve and authorize required signatures on the updated (for new Board members) Resolution by the City of Waveland Regarding the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program (MCWI) (Last approved 9/21/22). This is at the request of Mr. Bob Escher with Compton Engineering. This is a match for ARPA. **(EXHIBIT J)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

**MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANT PROGRAM/CITY HALL/RESOLUTIONS/ARPA**

**Re: Designate Mayor Trapani as authorized representative on behalf of the City of
Waveland**

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to designate Mayor Jay Trapani as authorized representative to submit application and act on behalf of the City of Waveland in an official capacity for application 330 City of Waveland with the Mississippi Municipality & County Water Infrastructure Grant Program (MWCI) (ARPA) **(EXHIBIT K)**

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Re: Consent Agenda Items a – p, excluding Item k

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to approve the following Consent Agenda being numbered Items (a-p, excluding Item k, which has been moved to the end of the agenda):

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

MINUTES

Re: Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023

a. Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 7, 2023

(EXHIBIT L)

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CITY LOGO/CITY OF WAVELAND/ALL DEPARTMENTS- NEW LOGO
Re: Approval of the new City of Waveland Logo

- b. Approve new Logo for the City of Waveland effective immediately
(EXHIBIT M)

COURT DEPARTMENT

Re: Municipal Court reports for the month of January, 2023

- c. Accept Municipal Court reports for the Month of January, 2023 (EXHIBIT N)

PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES/EVENTS/GRANTS/BUDGET
AMENDMENTS/CITY HALL

Re: Hire Janita Cole as HR Manager/Events Coordinator

- d. Hire Janita Cole as HR Manager/Events Coordinator at an hourly rate of \$16.83 (\$35,000 annually) until current grant termination 3/31/23; then \$15.87 per hour (\$33,000 annually) going forward, with review of possible pay increase with upcoming budget amendment

During discussion Alderman Lafontaine asked if these dollar amounts will keep us within budget. Ms. Boushie said yes, that she told Ms. Cole when her grant is over it would possibly drop just so we can keep it within budget.

PERSONNEL/PAYROLL/CITY HALL

Re: Hire Kyleigh Seale as Payroll Clerk

- e. Hire Kyleigh Seale as Payroll Clerk in addition to her duties as Receptionist and Deputy City Clerk at an hourly rate of \$13.50 (\$28,080 annually)

- f. Removed

ELECTIONS/CITY HALL

Re: Appoint Lisa Planchard, Kyleigh Seale, Katharine Corr, and Kim Boushie as Registrar of Voters

- g. Appoint Lisa Planchard as Registrar of Voters, and Kyleigh Seale, Katharine Corr and Kim Boushie as Deputy Registrar of Voters

INVOICES/MAIN DRAIN SURVEYING CONTRACT

Re: Invoice from Chiniche Engineering & Surveying

- h. Invoice #22-002-0055 dated 2/13/2023 from Chiniche Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$3,393.75 for Main Drains surveying contract (EXHIBIT O)

INVOICES/ PROJECTS/TIDELANDS/ARPA GRANT APPLICATION/JORDAN RIVER-HWY 603 GAS MAIN CROSSING/GRANTS

Re: Invoices for the 'Waveland Multiple Projects'

- i. The following Invoices from Compton Engineering:
1. *REMOVED BY COMPTON ENGINEERING*
 2. Invoice #222-033.001-2 in the amount of \$455.00 dated 1/31/22 for Tidelands reporting. (EXHIBIT P)
 3. Invoice #222-033.004-2 in the amount of \$3,382.50 dated 1/31/22 for the Jourdan River-Hwy 603 Gas Main Crossing (EXHIBIT Q)
 4. Invoice #221-033.018-4 in the amount of \$270.00 dated 1/31/22 for preparation a and submittal of an ARPA Grant Application (EXHIBIT R)

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ARPA/BANKS/PROJECTS

Re: Rescind motion of prior meeting to transfer the second half of ARPA funds

j. Rescind motion of prior meeting dated 2/7/23 to transfer the second half of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the amount of \$775,813.00 from the General Fund Depository account to the ARPA Investments account and instead transfer into the newly opened 'General Fund Savings' account for use on currently needed Streets and Utilities projects

NEW HIRES/UTILITY DEPARTMENT/HR/PAYROLL

Re: New Hire, Kristopher Lee Howard-Utility Dept.

k. Hire Kristopher Lee Howard as Utility Dept. employee at \$15 per hour pending passage of drug and background tests.

During discussion and before vote on the consent agenda had been made, Alderman Gamble asked if this would keep us in budget. Ms. Boushie said if we don't replace the Utility Supervisor, then yes it would be. But if we hire this one then we won't be able to replace that supervisor. Alderman Richardson asked if all the others in the Utility Department are making \$15 per hour. Bo Humphrey said that they are not. Mr. Humphrey came forward and asked Ms. Boushie if she could explain what she said to him. She said, "Because we have on the budget a total of 8 people in Utilities, and right now we have 7." Ms. Boushie and Bo Humphrey began comparing workers with positions and realized it was going to take more time that we could devote in the meeting. Mt. Humphrey asked if they could talk about this another time. Mayor Trapani said that we're willing to give you this employee, but it will max you out at 8 employees. Mr. Humphrey said that right now he has 4 employees and this would be number 5. Ms. Boushie said that she, Kyleigh and Janita checked these positions before this meeting and she counted each person paid out of utilities. City Clerk Planchard asked Mr. Humphrey if he is perhaps counting someone out of streets that is working for utilities. Mr. Humphrey said the only one he has that does that is Zachary Lafontaine. Ms. Boushie, said, "And we cannot do that; Utilities has to stand on it's own. You cannot have men go back and forth unless you let us know that and we charge that (department)". At this time Board members decided to move this Item (k) to the end of the agenda.

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to move Item k to the end of the agenda.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

WAVELAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION/PARADES/EVENTS/COLEMAN AVENUE

Re: Allow WCA to invite 2 food trucks for Saint Patrick's Day Parade

l. Allow WCA to invite 2 Food Trucks, along with the WCA Beverage Trailer to be placed on Coleman Avenue for the 59th St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2023
(EXHIBIT S)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/TRAVEL

Re: Building Inspector Josh Hayes to attend the Middle Mississippi Building Officials Association 2023 Class

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- m. Building Inspector, Josh Hayes to attend the Middle Mississippi Building Officials Association 2023 Class on Construction and Code Principles on April 14, 2023 in Brandon, MS. A registration fee of \$125 and use of a city vehicle will be required.
(EXHIBIT T)

EVENTS/HANCOCK RESOURCE CENTER/COLEMAN AVENUE/CRAWFISH COOKOFF

Re: Approve request to Hold the 15th Annual Crawfish Cookoff Saturday, April 22, 2023

- n. Approve request from Hancock Resource Center to hold the 15th Annual Crawfish Cookoff on Saturday, April 22, 2023 on Coleman Avenue from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Coleman Avenue will be closed from Bourgeois Street to just past Digital Engineering offices from 5:00 pm April 21, 2023 through 6:00 pm April 22, 2023

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES/PROJECTS

Re: Approve required signatures on MS Department of Marine Resources Request for Reallocation of funds

- o. Approve Required signatures on MS. Department of Marine Resources Request for Reallocation of Funds moving \$120,000 from FY23-P626-05 (Marina Planning & Design Assistance) to FY20-P646-01 (Handicap Accessible Walkway). Note: This reallocation was approved at the Board meeting dated 2/7/23
(EXHIBIT U)

MINUTES/UTILITY DEPARTMENT/REFUNDS

Re: Refund checks dated 2/22/23

- p. Spread on the Minutes Utility refund checks dated 2/22/23, as presented by Office Manager, Julie Bromwell
(EXHIBIT V)

END CONSENT AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Re: Consider entering a closed session to discuss Personnel Issues

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Richardson to consider entering a closed session to discuss Personnel issues, Police Department.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Re: Enter into Executive session

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to enter an executive session to discuss Personnel issues, Police Department.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

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Re: Exit Executive

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to come out of executive session with no action taken.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

PERSONNEL/POLICE DEPARTMENT

Re: Termination of Officer A with the Police Department

Alderman Gamble moved, seconded by Alderman Lafontaine to terminate Officer A, for cause, with the Police Department

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

PERSONNEL/UTILITY DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

Re: New Hire Kristopher Lee Howard as Utility Department employee

k. Hire Kristopher Lee Howard as Utility Dept. employee at \$15 per hour pending passage of drug and background tests.

Mr. Humphrey presented the Board with a current listing of his employees in the Streets and Utility Departments. He noted that he ‘wanted to think that Mr. Kermit is out of Utilities I think, but I know he’s in Streets.’ Mrs. Boushie said, “And a lot of the ones you’re have Streets, we are paying out of Utilities, so we need to transfer them; that’s what we need to do because we’ve been paying them from Utilities.” Mr. Humphrey said, “So when we did the budget for this year and we had the layoff ... so, two people out of Utilities; so you had Johnson & Ryobi, and then you had one out of Utility Department, so that cut down 2 spots. So you had Thompson, Johnson, Hawkins, Dorsey... that was in Utilities and Johnson (we laid him off) and you had David Brown, that’s five. So when Thompson left (inaudible) the other one goes to supervisor. That left an operator position open’ we had two operators, we had Hawkins and Johnson, and Johnson goes to supervisor.” Alderman said, “So Kim, on this list that Bo gave us, if you include the one right now that he said it’s listed as St. (Streets) but he’s really in Utilities; that are saying Streets that are being paid from Utilities and with the Mechanic split, that’s nine. Alderman Gamble said, “So what’s that going to do to the Streets budget?” Alderman Lafontaine said, “Streets budget under, Utility budget over. So I guess the biggest thing here is that we just need to class them in the department that they’re in.” Ms. Boushie said, “Correct”. Alderman Lafontaine said, “So Bo, if you’re only using 5 in Utilities right now, then the other ones would be in your Streets. So we just need to get them grouped into the right category that they’re in.” Alderman Lafontaine asked Ms. Boushie, “How many do you show in Streets, Kim?” Ms. Boushie said, “Well, we have one that’s not on here, Kross is a new hire in Utilities.” Bo said that’s to replace the McPherson spot. Mayor Trapani asked about Kermit, where he is working. Bo said Kermit is working out of Streets but getting paid out of Utilities. Bo said that when we amend the budget, from his understanding we were going to move him over to Streets and Zachary over to Utilities; that was his understanding. Mayor Trapani said, “So Zachary is

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getting paid out of Streets right now?" Bo said, "Yes". Ms. Boushie said, "Zachary is getting paid out of Utilities, but he's working Streets." Alderman Lafontaine asked how many employees do you have in Streets?" Ms. Boushie said, "Thirteen, not counting without counting the Mechanics, so it would be 14 because we have 2 mechanics who are each paid ½ out of each department/fund, so that would be 1 full time employee per department/fund. Alderman Clark asked what we have budgeted for Streets?" Ms. Boushie said, "That's what we have budgeted for Streets, 14 which includes the mechanic." Alderman Lafontaine asked, "And how many do you have budgeted in Utilities." She said, "I have 8 and that includes the mechanic." Alderman Lafontaine asked if that included Bo also. Ms. Boushie said it did not. She reminded the Board that they have to add one employee to those sheets for the hire on this agenda. Mayor Trapani asked that we not lose track of the motion, the motion is to hire this one employee for Utilities that we do have a spot in; that's the motion. All of this other can be worked out later and obviously we need to move a couple of employees over because it's illegal to pay someone that's working in Streets with Utility money. Bo then explained the pay scale for Alderman Richardson. He added that we'll get this straight and make a report to you at the next meeting, March 7, 2023.

Alderman Clark moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to hire Mr. Kristopher Lee Howard as Utility Department employee at \$15 per hour pending passage of drug and background tests.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson and Clark

Voting Nay: Lafontaine

Absent: None

ADJOURN

Re: Adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Alderman Lafontaine moved, seconded by Alderman Gamble to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

A vote was called for with the following results:

Voting Yea: Gamble, Richardson, Lafontaine and Clark

Voting Nay: None

Absent: None

Lisa Planchard,
City Clerk

Jay Trapani,
Mayor