

**PORT COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2019**

PORT COMMISSION AGENDA
January 17, 2019
5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM
- III. AMENDMENTS/COMMENTS
- IV. APPROVE MINUTES:
 - A. DECEMBER 20, 2018; REGULAR
- V. BUSINESS:
 - 1. LONG BEACH TACKLE BOX; LESSEE JULIUS GRITZMAN
 - 2. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

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Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Port Commission of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, was begun and held at the City Hall Meeting Room, 201 Jeff Davis Avenue, in said City, on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., it being the time, date, and place fixed for holding said meeting.

There were present and in attendance on said Commission and at the meeting the following named persons: President Phil Kies, Secretary Don Deschenes, Commissioners Russell Jones, Brian Currie, Junior Husband, Barney Hill, Harbormaster Bill Angley, City Attorney Steve Simpson, and Deputy City Clerk Kini Gonsoulin.

Absent the meeting were Vice President Brandon Boggess and Commissioner Kevin Hicks.

There being a quorum present and sufficient to transact the business of this meeting, the following proceedings were had and done.

Commissioner Kies called the meeting to order; whereupon there were no amendments or comments to the agenda.

Commissioner Deschenes made motion seconded by Commissioner Husband and unanimously carried to approve minutes of the Port Commission, as follows:

- Regular Minutes of December 20, 2018, as submitted.

There came on for discussion the Long Beach Tackle Box, Mr. Julius Gritzman, Lessee. Mr. Gritzman delivered the following letter before the meeting:

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The Tackle Box

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To Mayor and Council and the Port Commission:

I, Julius Gritzman, regret to report that I am closing the Long Beach Tackle Box due to the loss of business since I have not had fuel for an entire year. The lost revenue of 40 % is too much to overcome. When Mr. Kies personally came to visit me at the shop: A- He came just before the next Council Meeting and B- he made it perfectly clear that the City would not work with me on the two months of non-payment. I told Mr. Kies that I lost thousands of dollars worth of business and the City would not help me. I, also, made it clear to Mr. Kies that I would not buy or sell fuel at all. I am perfectly happy to pump fuel yet the City needs to pay for that fuel. If you want me to stay, I will pump the fuel yet I will not spend another dime of my money to do so.

My business still does not have a handicapped ramp and it's been two months.

I will pay you the two months of November and December on the 31st of January.

My power bill was \$610.00 The building is not worth \$725.00 a month.

Mr. Kies also told me, in front of my help, that the City would not "Vote me back in as owner" when my lease is up in September. The City would not give me relief from the loss of past income due to the lack of fuel, tackle, bait, and ice sales. For these reasons, I need to leave now. I will not be treated this way by anybody.

I spoke to the secretary at the Mayor's office and she informed me that a meeting would be set up with the Mayor. To this day, I have had no response from the Mayor's office to set up any type of meeting.

I did have a buyer yet when they found out that they had to buy and sell fuel, they backed out.

Nobody told me it was going to take a year and a half to get fuel. I would have never signed the lease knowing that the loss of revenue would be that great. Please read my lease section eight, paragraph C, referring to the termination of the lease due to casualty loss.

Another letter will follow at a later date. My store will close before the end of the month.

Julius Gritzman
Julius Gritzman
Owner and Operator

Long Beach Tackle Box

After considerable discussion and advice from Mr. Simpson, Commissioner Kies made motion seconded by Commissioner Husband and unanimously carried to declare Mr. Gritzman in default of his lease by non-payment of rent and to terminate said lease and take possession of the bait shop immediately.

The commission recognized Harbormaster Bill Angley for his report, as follows:

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Harbor Master Report

January 17, 2018

- Working on pier decking, several finger piers are going to need rebuilt in the very near future due to rot and bad hardware
- Fuel Tank Update
- Ramp and stairs to be built for bait shop contractor to start next week
- Bait shop inspection noted 2 interior doors, drain for bait tanks, broken boards on tank enclosure, and general cleaning
- Continued to replace board on piers.
- Gate design complete and will be reviewed for RFQ
- Resolution for law is being drafted with Myself, Jim and Steve working together was past by BOA Tuesday night
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There was no action required or taken regarding the aforesaid report.

There being no further business to come before the Port Commission at this time, Commissioner Hill made motion seconded by Commissioner Currie and unanimously carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting in due course.

Approved:

PHIL KIES, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

STACEY DAHL, CITY CLERK