

SPECIAL CALL MEETING JANUARY 22, 2013

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013. Mayor Moran presiding, Aldermen Cox, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, and Hagan were present. Also present was Deputy City Clerk Karen Kennedy. Aldermen Gill and Dalgo were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of any and all matters pertaining to a work session to discuss a short-term residential rental ordinance; group homes and discussion on the parking lot at Dewey Avenue.

The Mayor moved item (3) – Discussion of parking lot at Dewey Avenue to the beginning of the meeting.

The Mayor stated she is asking for authorization to approach the County to consider asphaltting the parking lot at Dewey Avenue. Some work has been done to the parking lot such as grading and limestone but still requires some work to complete it. The Mayor further stated the County agreed to do the finish work on the parking lot at cost with the City paying for the overhead cost of the equipment and labor. These funds could come from the existing Dewey Avenue project budget. No cost estimates have been submitted yet.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to request District 4 Supervisor Ross to allocate a portion of his paving budget for the parking lot at the Dewey Avenue substation and further the paving money to be taken from Wards 1, 2 and Alderman at Large or Ward 2 only, if Ward 1 Alderman and Alderman at Large elect not to participate.

Ms. Tammy Wisco explained the Planning Commission had requested to research Short-Term Residential Rentals (AKA Vacation Rentals). The vacation rentals are currently occurring in the City without regulation or permits. The proposed ordinance establishes a set of regulations for these types of rentals to protect the integrity of the neighborhoods and ensure the collection of an occupancy tax.

The boundaries have not yet been determined but could be designated several different ways. There was discussion whether to allow rental vacations in an R-1 district. There was no consensus from the Board on where they should be allowed. She further explained there is a mechanism in the ordinance to revoke the vacation rental permit if the owner is found to have not abided by the ordinance rules. The Board asked the Planning Commission to prepare a map indicating subdivisions with restrictive

covenants prohibiting vacation rentals along with marking the existing vacation rentals. Alderman McDonnell asked for input from the Planning Commission as to whether or not they want vacation rentals in an R-1 district. The Board heard from three (3) residents who are operating vacation rentals (Exhibit 2).

There was discussion concerning group homes. The Mayor explained the City's current ordinance and recently adopted, International Property Maintenance Code, limits the number of occupants according to the size of the home and the number of bedrooms. This ordinance ensures overcrowding in any group home and gives City officials to regulate these types of homes. The Board asked the Building Official and Ms. Wisco to rework this ordinance to make it more restrictive (Exhibit 3).

Motion was made by Alderman Hagan to table the discussion of short-term residential rentals and group homes. Motion dies for lack of a second to the motion.

Motion was made by Alderman McDonnell, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to have a recommendation and input from the Planning Commission concerning the boundaries for short-term residential rentals and group homes.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Hagan and unanimously carried to adjourn the special call meeting.

Meeting ended at 6:59 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor

**CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS
COUNTY OF JACKSON
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Call for a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

From: Mayor Moran

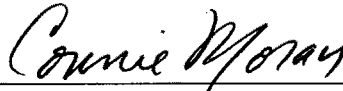
To: Aldermen Cox, Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer, Dalgo, and Hagan

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at City Hall at **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22, 2012.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:


Any and all matters pertaining to:

- 1) Work session for discussion of short-term residential rental ordinance (Exhibit 1)
- 2) Work session for discussion of group homes
- 3) Discussion of parking lot at Dewey Avenue



Connie Moran, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelly Ferguson
City Clerk