

## **SPECIAL CALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call meeting at the Ocean Springs City Hall in the City of Ocean Springs at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2014. *Mayor Pro Tem* Gill presiding, Aldermen Cox, McDonnell, Cody, Denyer and Impey were present. Mayor Moran and Alderman Dalgo were absent. Also present was City Clerk Shelly Ferguson.

The *Mayor Pro Tem* called the meeting to order.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of any and all matters pertaining to any and all issues related to the Public Hearing for the FY14-15 Budget and executive session concerning potential litigation regarding a construction contract.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The City Clerk gave a summary of the proposed FY14-15. She reported in the general fund budget, the sales tax revenue is up \$200,000 from our budgeted estimates at the beginning of this year; ad valorem taxes increased by \$28,000; utility franchise tax increased by \$50,000 from last year; building permits are up by \$35,000; homestead exemption up by \$13,000, court fines and fees are up \$100,000 and road taxes are down \$20,000. She said the budgets for expenditures are the same or less than the current year other than utilities which has increased significantly. She also stated the health insurance has increased by \$96,000 and the split funding savings will offset some of that and employee raise \$90,000, leaving the ending cash balance as \$260,981 and the emergency fund at \$776,000. She also reported the 2% food and beverage taxes are up \$50,000 but tourism (hotel) taxes are down about \$10,000.

She also explained the City's bond payment for the 2% food and beverage tax is \$893,897 and the projected revenue is \$1,050,000. Alderman McDonnell stated the remaining \$157,000 will be used to continue to complete the recreational facilities, public safety complexes and promote the City, noting the vast majority of the tax is used to make the bond payment.

The City Clerk further explained the health insurance increase of \$96,000 was not passed on the employees.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to go into closed session to determine the necessity of going into executive session.

The City Clerk returned to the meeting and announced a motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to remain in executive session to discuss potential litigation concerning a construction contract.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Motion was made by Alderman Denyer, seconded by Alderman Impey and unanimously carried to accept the Architect's recommendation concerning the repairs to the Fire Station pending City Attorney, Architects, Building Official and Alderman Cody review and Board approval.

Motion was made by Alderman Cody, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to reschedule the September 16<sup>th</sup> Recess Meeting to Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried to recess until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014.

Meeting ended at 6:55 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date

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Date

**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 Impey

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at City Hall at **6:00 p.m., Monday, September 8, 2014.**

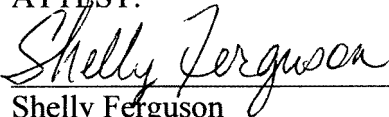
**THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Any and all matters pertaining to:

- a) Public Hearing - FY14-15 Proposed Budget
- b) Executive Session – Potential litigation regarding a construction contract

  
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Connie Moran, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Shelly Ferguson  
City Clerk