

SPECIAL CALL MEETING OCT. 10, 2016

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 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2016. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Cody, McDonnell, Denyer and Impey were present. Also present was City Attorney Robert Wilkinson and City Clerk Shelly Ferguson. Aldermen Dalgo was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of any and all matters pertaining to personnel in all departments and economic development in Commercial Business District.

The meeting was stated as Executive Session but it did not need to be executive session so it remained an open meeting.

The Mayor reported that Brian Fulton, County Administrator, has informed the city of the county's intention to demolish the Swingster building located at 1515 Government St. The Mayor would like to do an RFP for developers to propose options for the property. The City intends to change the zoning from Industrial to Commercial.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Cody and unanimously carried for the city to waive the demolition permit fee, send a letter of intent to change the zoning from Industrial to Commercial, and request the County make necessary temporary improvements to use as public parking until the property is purchased.

The Mayor presented the documentation of the realignment of Police and Fire salaries, and adjusting some other salaries in other departments. She thanked the Payroll Administrator Patty Gaston and HR Director Mindy McDowell for all their hard work in research and drafting the proposed changes. She stated that employees who have been with the city less than a year, received a raise in the past year, hourly rate \$17.00 or above, or part time were not eligible for the raise except Police and Fire realignments.

A coastal comparison showed that the Public Works Department had the highest starting salary and Police and Fire had the lowest starting salaries.

There was discussion on what accounts the funds were coming from including split funding, reserve fund, or ending balance.

Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Denyer to accept the raises as presented, take the funds from ending balance, and begin the raises on Oct. 22, 2016. Aldermen Gill, McDonnell, Cody, Cox, and Denyer voted aye, Alderman Impey voted nay.

Alderman Impey was in favor of the raises but did not want the funds being taken from ending balance.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman McDonnell and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special Call Meeting.

Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Shelly Ferguson

Connie Moran

**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 Connie Moran

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

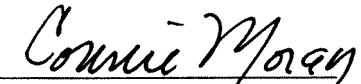
You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at City Hall at 1018 Porter Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS at **5:30 p.m., Monday, October 10, 2016.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

Any and all matters pertaining to:

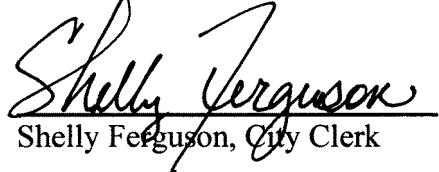
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A) Personnel in all departments
- B) Economic Development in Commercial Business District



Connie Moran, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shelly Ferguson, City Clerk