

SPECIAL CALL MEETING AUGUST 31, 2021

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 6:00 p.m. on August 31, 2021. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Blackman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Attorney Robert Wilkinson, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Police Deputy Chief Derek Hoppner, Planning & Grants Administrator Carolyn Martin, and Building Official Darrell Stringfellow. Alderman Papania was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of all matters pertaining to:

- a) Public Hearing – FY 21-22 Proposed Budget
- b) Resolution Fixing Tax Levy for FY 21-22 (Exhibit b)

A motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

A motion was made by Alderman Authement, seconded by Alderman Blackman, and unanimously carried to open the public hearing regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

The City Clerk gave a summary of the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. She said general fund income is expected to be \$15,024,167. She said the City should receive approximately \$380,000 more in property taxes than in previous years due to the four-year property reassessment. She said sales tax revenue is set at \$5.8 million but if the Board would like to lower it to \$5.6 million or \$5.7 million that could still be done. Alderman Cox said he would like it to be lowered. Alderman Impey said even with COVID closures there were record increases in sales tax and lowering it to \$5.7 million would be less than \$10,000 per month. He said \$5.8 million is reasonable and requested it remain as currently listed.

The City Clerk said budget amendments will not be limited as they have been this year due to the election. She said there have been new funds set up. For example, a Taconi Building fund has been established to show a true cost for the building versus the income received from rentals. She said the interest received was drastically reduced this year from 2% to 0.15%.

The City Clerk reviewed the expenses of the proposed budget. She said an annexation fund has been added. She said the grant matching fund may increase or decrease depending on grant approvals. Alderman Authement requested the miscellaneous promotions fund be increased to \$5,000. She said phone and internet services have been moved to one fund rather than split by department. Alderman Blackman requested the internet services be reviewed and shopped. She said the building insurance has increased over \$100,000 due to cost increases. She said the Planning Department has a \$100,000 increase due to the comprehensive plan.



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

From: Mayor Holloway

To: Aldermen Cox, Burgess, Authement, Wade, Papania, Blackman, & Impey

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at the **City Hall** (1018 Porter Ave.) at **6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2021.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

Any and all matters pertaining to:

- a) Public Hearing – FY 21-22 Proposed Budget
- b) Resolution Fixing Tax Levy for FY 21-22 (Exhibit b)


Kenny Holloway, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patty Gaston, City Clerk