

SPECIAL CALL MEETING MAY 24, 2019

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call meeting at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 3820 Bienville Boulevard in the City of Ocean Springs at 5:30 p.m. on May 24, 2019. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Cox, Gill, Authement, Bellman, and Impey were present. Also present were City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi. Alderman Papania joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Alderman Blackman was absent.

Let the minutes reflect that proper notice of the meeting was provided to all Aldermen via email and that the notice was posted at City Hall and online within one hour of the meeting being called.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Special Call Meeting is for the purpose of any and all matters pertaining to discussion to hire a Building Official; approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Construction of Dwelling – 1111 Iberville Drive, Parcel ID: 60119162.000 (Exhibit b); and discussion of Public Works equipment.

Alderman Authement recused himself for item b. Motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Gill and unanimously carried to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Construction of Dwelling at 1111 Iberville Drive, Parcel ID: 60119162.000 (Exhibit b).

The City Clerk explained the options for the purchase of needed Public Works equipment. She said there is currently no loan capacity to purchase a boom truck or street sweeper. A new boom truck would be approximately \$150,000 or refurbished approximately \$85,000 and up. She explained funding options for purchase including FEMA reimbursement for prior storms but it could take 1.5 to 2 years before reimbursements are received. She suggested that the funds could be removed from water/sewer funds and then reimbursed once FEMA funds are received. She said the street sweeper would have to wait until some loans are paid off. There are loans that are expiring in 2020 but could be paid October 2019, which would open up enough loan capacity to purchase a street sweeper.

Alderman Authement said that with that big of a purchase he would suggest buying new rather than refurbished equipment. The City Attorney said that the purchase of the equipment would have to go through the process of reverse auction and there are new purchasing laws. There was also discussion of Public Works picking up trash piles and possibly charging if over a specific amount. Alderman Gill said that residents need to be notified again that Public Works is only responsible for picking up yard debris.

Motion was made by Alderman Gill, seconded by Alderman Authement and unanimously carried to move forward with the purchase of a boom truck with the funds to be removed from water/sewer to be reimbursed with FEMA funds.

The Human Resources Director said that the background and reference checks for James Leahy have been completed. Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to extend an offer of employment to James Leahy for the Building Official position with salary of \$54,496 per year.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Bellman and unanimously carried to adjourn the Special Call meeting.

The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m.

/s/Patty Gaston
City Clerk

June 18, 2019
Date

/s/Shea Dobson
Mayor

June 18, 2019
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 Dobson

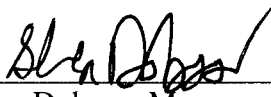
To: Aldermen Cox, Gill, Authement, Bellman, Papania, Blackman, and Impey

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 3820 Bienville Boulevard, Ocean Springs, MS at **5:30 p.m., Friday, May 24, 2019.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

Any and all matters pertaining to:

- a) Discussion to hire Building Official
- b) Approve Certificate of Appropriateness for Construction of Dwelling – 1111 Iberville Drive; Parcel ID: 60119162.000 (Exhibit b)
- c) Discussion of Public Works Equipment



Shea Dobson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Gaston, City Clerk