

SPECIAL CALL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

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 September 13, 2019. The Mayor presiding, Aldermen Gill, Authement, Bellman, Papania, Cox and Impey were present. Let the minutes reflect that Alderman Blackman is attending this meeting by telephone pursuant to Section 25-41-5 of the Mississippi Code. Let the minutes also show that there is a speakerphone in the meeting room and that all those present are able to hear Alderman Blackman. Also present were City Clerk Patty Gaston and City Attorney Kevin Melchi.

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 adopting a resolution to adjust automatic sewer service charge increase (Exhibit a); and adopting Fiscal Year 19 – 20 Budget.

The City Clerk updated the Board on the changes made to the budget since the public hearing on September 5, 2019. She said there were seven changes: 1) The street sweeper for Public Works was moved from FY 19-20 to the FY 18-19 budget. 2) She added \$7,700 to the Fire Department budget for air conditioning repairs. 3) The Board of Aldermen's budget was increased by \$900 for a survey for an easement sale on Jamez Road. 4) 4) For \$83,400 was received from Jackson County for the Bills Avenue project which will increase ending balance for FY 18-19. 5) JCUA sent a correction to the previous sewer rate schedule for all of Jackson County, the City's payment increased to \$24,456 for FY 19-20. 6) The Board approved increasing the Chamber of Commerce funding to \$40,000 from the Food & Beverage tax funds, rather than splitting the \$10,000 increase between the Hotel tax and Food & Beverage tax funds. 7) The last change is a \$1,000 increase in the Court Department office equipment budget, due to the incompatibility of the receipt printers with the new computers.

Alderman Blackman asked the City Clerk to clarify the JCUA increase. She responded that she does not have a specific reason but the charge for all of the cities in Jackson County increased. She added that the City will not be increasing the sewer rate. The City Attorney prepared a resolution to remove automatic sewer rate increase for FY 19-20 since there was a 6% increase in FY 18-19. WLOX ran a story in error earlier today that had said the City was increasing the sewer rate. Alderman Blackman requested the Mayor follow up with WLOX to retract the story.

Alderman Gill asked what the ending balance will be. The City Clerk said that \$100,000 would be moved to the reserve fund and as of right now ending balance will be \$407,000. Currently there is \$905,000 in the reserve fund.

Alderman Cox asked if Public Works has completed installing the new batteries in the transmitters. The City Clerk said they are catching up and almost complete but will not know an actual number until the next billing cycle.

Alderman Impey thanked the City Clerk and staff; Alderman Papania agreed and thanked City Clerk and staff for a smooth budget process.

Motion was made by Alderman Impey and seconded by Alderman Gill to adopt Fiscal Year 19 – 20 Budget. The motion carried with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Gill	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Authement	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Bellman	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Cox	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Papania	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Blackman	<u>Aye</u>
Alderman Impey	<u>Aye</u>

Motion was made by Alderman Impey, seconded by Alderman Cox and unanimously carried to remove the automatic sewer rate increase for FY 19-20.

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

The meeting ended at 6:17 p.m.

Betty Maston
City Clerk

10/1/19
Date

Shirley Dean
Mayor

10/1/19
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

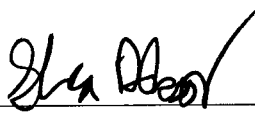
To: Aldermen Cox, Gill, Authement, Bellman, Papania, Blackman, and Impey

You are hereby notified that a Special Call Meeting is called to meet at City Hall at **6:00 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2019.**

THE OBJECT OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

Any and all matters pertaining to:

- a) Adopt Resolution to Adjust Automatic Sewer Service Charge Increase (Exhibit a)
- b) Adopt Fiscal Year 19 – 20 Budget



Shea Dobson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Gaston, City Clerk