

Minutes, City of Southaven, Southaven, Mississippi

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF July 21, 2014 OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven, Mississippi met in Special Session on the 21st day of July, 2014 at four thirty o'clock (4:30) p.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

William Brooks	Alderman At Large
Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
Shirley Beshears	Alderman, Ward 2
George Payne	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher (By Teleconference)	Alderman, Ward 4
Scott Ferguson	Alderman, Ward 5
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Sheila Heath, City Clerk, Andrea Mullen, Assistant City Clerk, and Nick Manley, City Attorney. Approximately twenty (20) other people were present.

Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting to order. Alderman Kelly led in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Ferguson.

Executive Session

A copy of the Executive Session Minutes are maintained in the City Clerk's Office.

Budget Workshop

Chris Wilson, City Administrator, presented this item to the Board. Mr. Wilson stated that this workshop is not a public hearing, that it will come later in August prior to the September vote of the adoption of both the budget and mileage rate. Mr. Wilson stated that this is an informational gathering to address specific questions that the Board may have for any departmental or operation requests. Mr. Wilson stated that some of the major initiatives that have been included in the budget are one (1) million in street improvements, \$500,000 in drainage improvements, \$100,000 increase in Parks Maintenance, \$200,000 in new equipment for the Public Works department, four (4) new patrol officers, two (2) new firefighters, one (1) records clerk, three (3) code enforcement officers, and one (1) deputy court clerk. In addition, Mr. Wilson also stated that increasing insurance costs will need to be considered. With these initiatives, there will be a significant increase on the City. Mr. Wilson reported that they are currently looking at a three (3) or four (4) possible mileage rate increase to accommodate the spending. Mr. Wilson then said that they are continually looking at ways to cut cost to lower any potential tax increase. Mr. Wilson also informed the Board of the publication requirements when considering a tax increase.

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a Motion was made by Alderman Brooks to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ferguson. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, July 21, 2014 at 6:55 p.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

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A copy of the Special Called Meeting Notice is attached to these minutes.