

**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 motion was made by Alderman Flores to move for a closed determination of the issue on whether or not to declare an Executive Session. Motion was put to vote and passed unanimously. Alderman Payne made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Motion was seconded by Alderman Beshears. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously by the raise of hands.

The Board considered the matter of the termination of Southaven Police Officer Dwight Sykes. The Board heard a statement from Officer Sykes. The Board then heard from Deputy Chief Pirtle and Captain Anderson regarding Officer Sykes. After considering all the actions of Officer Sykes, the recommendation of the Southaven Police, and Officer Sykes's own statement, a motion was made by Alderman Beshears to terminate Officer Sykes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brooks.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote:

<b>ALDERMAN</b>	<b>VOTED</b>
<b>Alderman Brooks</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Alderman Kelly</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Alderman Beshears</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Alderman Payne</b>	<b>YES</b>

<b>Alderman Gallagher</b>	<b>YES (By Teleconference)</b>
<b>Alderman Ferguson</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Alderman Flores</b>	<b>YES</b>

Having received a majority of affirmative votes, Mayor Musselwhite declared that the motion was carried and approved on this the 21st day of July, 2014.

Mayor Musselwhite called the meeting back to order.

**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 millage 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 millage 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.

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.

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Darren Musselwhite,  
Mayor

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City Clerk's Office

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