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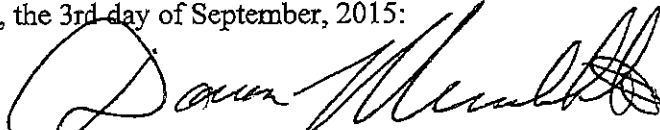
NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOUTHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated §21-3-21, notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Southaven shall be held on Friday, the 4th day of September, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Boardroom of Southaven City Hall, located at 8710 Northwest Drive, Southaven, Mississippi.

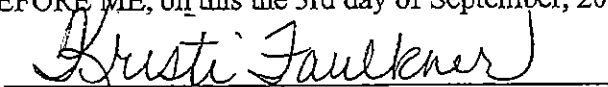
The subject matters of business (Agenda) to be acted upon at this Special Meeting are as follows, to-wit:

1. Property Maintenance Code

This Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen is hereby called by the Mayor, Darren Musselwhite, on this, the 3rd day of September, 2015:


Darren Musselwhite, Mayor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, on this the 3rd day of September, 2015.


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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF September 4, 2015 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 4th day of September, 2015 at eleven o'clock (11:00) a.m. at City Hall.

Present were:

Kristian Kelly	Alderman, Ward 1
George Payne	Alderman, Ward 3
Joel Gallagher	Alderman, Ward 4
Scott Ferguson	Alderman, Ward 5
Raymond Flores	Alderman, Ward 6

Also present were Mayor Musselwhite, Nick Manley, City Attorney, and Whitney Choat-Cook, Planning Director.

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

Mayor Musselwhite explained that he wanted to discuss, answer questions, and get proposals from Board as it relates to a proposed City of Southaven proposed Maintenance Code. The Mayor gave a brief overview of a possible Southaven Property Maintenance Code and that it is not his desire to get on private property for City to do work but in some instances, the poor condition of some property is hurting other properties in the area. In addition, the Mayor noted the link between poor property conditions and crime.

The Board discussed some provisions of the proposal along with other suggestions for other ideas concerning potential ordinances.

Alderman Payne inquired about how property maintenance ordinances could be enforced in a rental context, along with procedure for issuing violations. This matter was discussed and seems to be addressed in the proposed ordinance. Whitney Cook expressed her concerns regarding a rental ordinance as it relates to enforcement.

Alderman Kelly and Alderman Flores brought up the issue of enforcement and discussed this matter with the Mayor in the context of monetary fines as opposed to using funds for remedying the issues. In addition, Alderman Kelly suggested using the Serve Southaven program to assist those homeowners in need of repairs as an alternative. Alderman Kelly also discussed the potential of not passing an ordinance but instead reviewing properties so Board would have better idea of the properties at issue. This issue was discussed as an idea.

Alderman Ferguson discussed the issue as it relates to enforcement and the possibility of seeing pictures of certain properties so he could have a better idea. Alderman Ferguson then described a property which would be affected by the Ordinance.

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Alderman Flores discussed the issue of a rental ordinance as it relates to a Property Maintenance Code. The Mayor discussed this issue with Board and expressed that his view is that the Property Maintenance Code mostly encompasses those issues of a rental ordinance.

Alderman Payne, Alderman Kelly and Alderman Flores discussed issues as it relates to uniformity of enforcement. Alderman Payne expressed concerns regarding the law as it relates to providing discretion and making sure it was consistently applied as the proposed maintenance code has various regulations for restrictions. The Mayor and Nick Manley noted that this type of ordinance requires discretion as every scenario is hard to envision or draft in ordinance format.

After further discussion regarding rental ordinance proposals and enforcement, the Board and Mayor agreed that all want to solve the issue of blighted properties for the City and for those residents who live near the properties. In addition, it was noted by Board and Mayor that further discussions and proposals may be needed.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a Motion was made by Alderman Payne to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Alderman Gallagher. Motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously, September 4, 2015 at 12:20 p.m.

Darren Musselwhite,
Mayor

City Clerk

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