

**Board of Alderman Special Call Meeting
Ocean Springs Civic Center February 22, 2024 Minutes**

Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ocean Springs met in a Special Call Meeting at the Civic Center in the City of Ocean Springs at 5:30 p.m. on February 22, 2024. Mayor Holloway presided, and Aldermen Burgess, Authement, Wade, Cox, Papania, and Impey were present. Alderman Blackman was absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Norman, City Attorney Anthony Liberato, City Clerk Patty Gaston, Deputy City Clerk Vicky Hupe, Police Chief Ryan Lemaire, Fire Chief Derek McCoy, Building Official Darrell Stringfellow, Public Works Director Allan Ladnier, City Planner Wade Morgan, and Admin & Community Relations Coordinator Ravin Nettles.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.

The object of the meeting will be any matters pertaining to:

The Urban Renewal Plan

1. Public Hearing

A motion was made by Alderman Cox, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to open the Public Hearing.

The Mayor explained the Urban Renewal Plan would not be adopted at this meeting. He introduced Neil Poland, a partner at Dale Partners Architects, who presented a conceptual rendering of the development of the Pine Drive property. Possible plans include a new community center, an event lawn, two multipurpose fields, a walking track, a pond, and cottages.

Public comment speakers were given five minutes to speak for or against the proposed Urban Renewal Plan. The speakers were: Richard Jackson, Bob Kiesau, James Lewis, Ellen Hall, Liz Elmore, Letitia Machado, Steve Tillis, Kelley Stricklin, Sharon McMillan, Beth Ashley, Rebecca Alston, Marilyn Quinn, Rose Harmon, Noelle Nolan-Rider, Dee Frances Wichman, Melanie Allen, Tom Ehrensing, John Godsey, and Vicki Adams.

A motion was made by Alderman Papania, seconded by Alderman Wade, and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Alderman Burgess, seconded by Alderman Authement, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.


 Mayor _____ Date 3/5/2024

Betty Maston 3/5/2024
City Clerk Date

