

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015, AT 8:30 A.M.
CITY HALL, PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI**

The City Council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, met at City Hall in a special meeting on Friday, October 2, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. as per the following notice:

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCAGOULA
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Pascagoula will meet at City Hall on Friday, October 2, 2015, at 8:30 A.M., for the purpose of discussing the Jackson County Utility Authority Cost Increases.

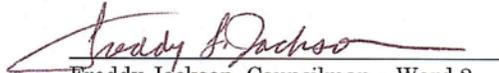
We, the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Pascagoula, do hereby waive further notice of and consent to a special meeting of the Council at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, October 2, 2015, in the City Hall of the City for the purpose hereinabove stated. This notice and consent is being given pursuant to Section 21-9-39 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as annotated and amended. A copy of this notice and consent to a special meeting shall be sent by the City Clerk to local media and posted as required by law.



Harry J. Blevins, Mayor



Marvin Pickett, Sr., Councilman – Ward 1



Freddy Jackson, Councilman – Ward 2



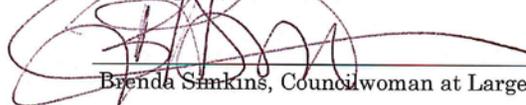
David Cadlock, Councilman – Ward 3



Burt Hill, Councilman – Ward 4



Scott Tipton, Councilman – Ward 5



Brenda Simkins, Councilwoman at Large

Mayor Blevins called the meeting to order with the following officials present:

Mayor Harry J. Blevins
Councilman Burt Hill
Councilman Freddy Jackson
Councilman Marvin Pickett, Sr.
Councilwoman Brenda Simkins – arrived at 8:32 a.m.
Councilman David Tadlock – arrived at 8:32 a.m.
Councilman Scott Tipton

City Manager Joe Huffman
City Attorney Eddie Williams
Asst. City Clerk Brenda J. Reed
City Clerk/Comptroller Robert J. Parker

Mayor Blevins welcomed everyone to the meeting today to discuss the Jackson County Utility Authority (JCUA) cost increases.

Joe Huffman, City Manager, advised one of the main reasons for today's meeting was to provide the Council with a better understanding of the utility charges and address the City's rate structure for the following reasons:

- (1) It has been too long since this has been evaluated.
- (2) Recent increases are regressive.
- (3) Current rate structure concerns.

Bobby Parker, City Clerk/Comptroller, provided various handouts which were discussed with the Council.

The report included:

- an analysis of recent fiscal year actuals for gross profits/loss - sewer services
- fee analysis of wastewater treatment services – Jackson County Utility Authority
- gross sewer revenues versus JCUA costs
- graphs
- sample utility bills
- analysis of the proposed rate increase necessary to cover JCUA additional rate increase – FY 2016
- utility rate increase analysis

The Council requested additional fiscal year reports for a cost comparison. Jaci Turner, City Engineer, commented on the years of deferred infrastructure maintenance and the need to have this work completed. Some of the Council members expressed concerns about

implementing a large percentage increase in utility bills at one time versus a gradual increase in the rates. Discussion was held regarding hiring a company to prepare a rate schedule study.

Mr. Parker will prepare and submit additional information to the Council as requested. After a lengthy question and answer session, no official action was taken at the meeting today.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilwoman Simkins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tadlock and received the following vote: Mayor Blevins "AYE". Councilmen Hill "AYE", Jackson "AYE", Pickett "AYE", Simkins "AYE", Tadlock "AYE", and Tipton "AYE".

The meeting ended at 11:13 a.m.

APPROVED:

Harry J. Blevins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda J. Reed, Asst. City Clerk