

**SPECIAL MEETING  
November 1, 2011**

A Special Call Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the City Council Chamber at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. Mayor Jake Middleton presided at the meeting.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
<b>John ‘Jake’ Middleton Mayor</b>		Donnie Holloway, City Clerk Diane Holland, Deputy Clerk Attorney Sanders, City Attorney Attorney Buck Pintard Natchez Democrat
<b>Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderwoman, Ward 1</b>		
<b>J. “Ricky” Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2</b>		
<b>Bob Pollard Alderman, Ward 3</b>		
<b>Ernest “Tony” Fields Alderman, Ward 4</b>		
<b>Mark Fortenbery Alderman, Ward 5</b>		
<b>Daniel Dillard Alderman, Ward 6</b>		

Mr. Nix stated that he had distributed information on the item of interest with reference to Drayco’s request to implement an oil lease off Marblestone and Cemetery Road. Mr. Nix further stated that the only objection was lodged and discussed at a previous meeting. The subject of concern was about the heavy equipment and possible noise. We are having this hearing this evening with reference to Drayco’s request to adopt an emergency ordinance.

Mayor Middleton asked was there any discussion.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis asked Mr. Nix and the Drayco representative about the tearing up of Marblestone.

The Drayco representative stated that those involved in drilling the well would be taking precautionary measures to keep any destruction to a minimum. They expect to be in and out in about 10 days.

Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis Mrs. Mathis stated that she would probably go door to door to advise the citizens of the area of the upcoming activities.

Attorney Buck Pintard stated that Drayco representatives will inform the City when the rig would start moving in.

Mr. Nix stated there is a planning and development agreement for the Mayor and Drayco to sign.

Mayor asked were there any other questions to Mr. Nix.

Alderman Dillard stated he would like for the Board to look at the possibility of the possible revenue and where it could be used.

City Attorney Sanders said that the City Engineer Gardner asked for a performance bond and that the bond would guarantee responsibility if damage is done and repair not provided by Drayco. If the bond is required to be enforced, then the monies would allow the City of Natchez to repair the street if necessary.

Alderman Dillard stated he had all the answers to his questions.

Natchez City Planner Bob Nix said the city's planned unit development agreement with Drayco requires the company to coordinate its operations with the school bus schedules, national and city cemetery events and city events, such as tours of homes that might be affected by well's operation.

**Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis made a motion to go out of Special Hearing for the Emergency Ordinance and back into special session. Seconded by Alderman Dillard. The motion carried unanimously.**

Attorney Sanders read the ordinance from Page K, Page 1665 to change the rezoning for the purposes of allowing the drilling of an oil well.

**Alderwoman Arceneaux-Mathis made a motion to adopt an emergency ordinance for rezoning as ready by Attorney Sanders. Seconded by Aldermen Dillard. The motion carried unanimously.**

The board approved an ordinance that rezoned five acres on an 81-acre tract of land owned by Fred Emrick and the late Ruth Emrick from Villa Residential to Planned Unit Development No. 1 to permit the drilling and development of the oil well.

Drayco is also required to post a \$100,000 performance bond to cover any damages to Cemetery and Marblestone roads that may occur while the company is transporting equipment and using the roads for access to the well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Alderwoman made motion, seconded by Alderman Dillard to Adjourn the Special Meeting of November 1, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.**

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**JAKE MIDDLETON  
MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**DONNIE HOLLOWAY  
CITY CLERK**