

**SPECIAL CALL MEETING
JULY 13, 2012**

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A Special Call Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez, Mississippi, was held in the City Hall Conference Room at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 13, 2012, pursuant to notice duly and regularly served on each and every Alderman of the City of Natchez, Mississippi. Mayor Larry L. "Butch" Brown presided at the meeting.

MAYOR & BOARD PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	CITY OFFICIALS & DEPARTMENT HEADS
Larry L. "Butch" Brown Mayor	Tony Fields Alderman Ward 4	Temple Hendricks, Board Secretary David Gardner, City Engineer Tony Moon David Atkins Fred Galler Others: Natchez Democrat
Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis Alderwoman, Ward 1		
J. "Ricky" Gray, Jr. Alderman, Ward 2		
Sarah Carter Smith Alderwoman, Ward 3		
Mark Fortenbery Alderman, Ward 5		
Daniel Dillard Alderman, Ward 6		

A Special Call Meeting was held to revisit bids for the HVAC project which were submitted at the June 10th meeting and awarded to Thorpe Sheet Metal. Once reviewed by the Engineering Department, the HVAC units, as an ARRA project, would need to meet certain technical specifications. The low bidder, Thorpe Sheet Metal, had listed the make and model numbers of the units but none were rated SEER 15 which is specified in the grant. The high bidder, Natchez Heating and Cooling, had only listed the make but no model numbers so the SEER of the units could not be determined. The middle bidder, Premo Stallone, had no information provided other than price. Therefore, the bids were determined to be irregular.

After Mayor Brown, City Attorney Carby and employees of the Engineering Department spoke on the telephone with the State Auditor and his staff along with an ARRA representative, the City felt that a solution has been found. The problem was if the project is not complete and money spent by August 15th, the funds will no longer be available. Mississippi procurement law addresses situations in which an emergency will be created, and an adverse effect result, should a delay occur by drawing out the project. The State Auditor agreed that an adverse effect would exist if the normal bidding process is followed. ARRA pointed out a section that as long as you follow state law, ARRA will allow the bids to not be competitively bid due to the emergency situation.

The City had decided to allow the three bidders to resubmit bids. Time is of the essence. MDA will not give the City past August 15th to complete the project.

Alderwoman Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis made the motion to reject all bids that were received at the July 10th meeting of the Board of Aldermen as irregular. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sarah Carter-Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown proposed that the City not advertise for bids but notify all participants to allow all three to resubmit bids by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16th, at which time a Special Call Meeting would be held.

A motion was made by Alderman Mark Fortenbery, seconded by Alderman Dan Dillard, that bids be resubmitted with the same specifications as previously required.

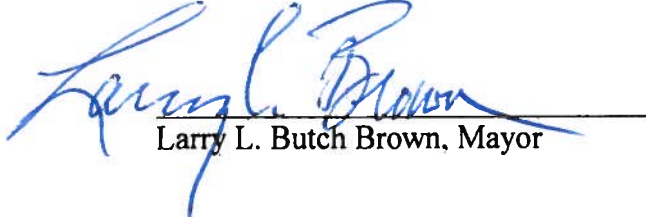
Upon discussion, Alderman Dillard asked if anyone else had picked up a bid packet but didn't submit. Hyde Carby stated that he wasn't aware of anyone else. Under an emergency procedure, per the City Attorney, the City will basically be accepting sealed bids. Mayor Brown advised that the State Auditor was not asked, nor did the office address, the necessity of contacting those who had picked up bid packages but didn't submit a bid. Mayor Brown said that it is probable that one or more of bidders, now that they know the bids, will change their specifications. He reminded the

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Board that the low bidder did not have 15 SEER ratings on his units. Natchez Heating and Cooling's units had ratings of 17 SEER and although no models listed, his bid would've been the only one that met the specifications. Mayor Brown stated that the primary bid is for City Hall then other options are added with the overall budget being \$65000. Hyde Carby said there is room for a small negotiation in price. Alderwoman Joyce Arceneaux-Mathis asked if each piece of duct work, etc., would need to be American made. She was advised yes. Alderman Fortenbery asked who is going to be responsible for notifying the three bidders. Mayor Brown said he thought that Engineering was going to call the bidders but Yates McGraw had called the Mayor and advised him that he hadn't heard anything regarding the latest news. Engineering will call the three bidders and tell them of the new process.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Dillard and seconded by Alderman Fortenbery to adjourn the Special Call Meeting of July 13, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.



Larry L. Butch Brown, Mayor

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Donnie Holloway, City Clerk

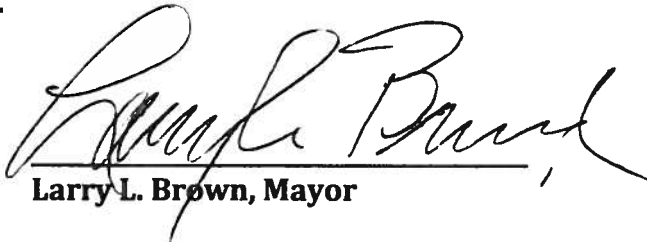
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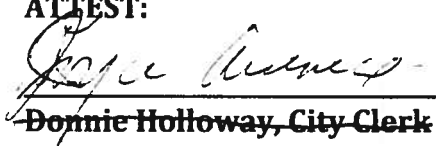
A Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez will be held on Friday, July 13th, at 5:00 p.m. at the City Hall conference room which is located at 124 S. Pearl Street for the following purposes:

Reconsideration of bids for HVACs for various municipal buildings


This the 13th day of July, 2012.


Larry L. Brown, Mayor

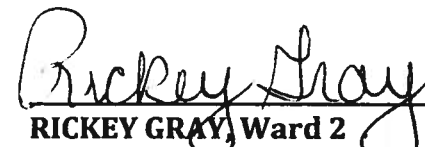
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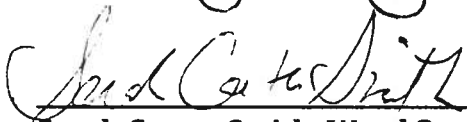
Service of the foregoing notice is acknowledged by the undersigned members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Natchez as of the hour endorsed opposite the signatures of the undersigned on this the 13th day of July, 2012.


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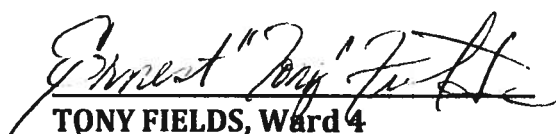
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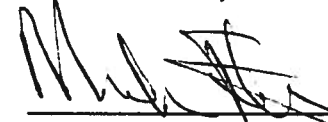
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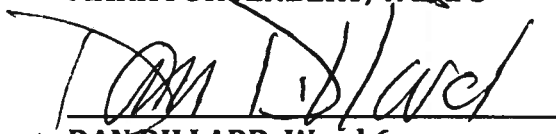
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MARK FORTENBERY, Ward 5

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DAN DILLARD, Ward 6

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