

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a meeting of the Rental Properties Committee at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2017, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those in attendance included City Council President Carter Carroll; City Council Vice President Mary Dryden; Attorney Jim Gladden; committee members Rebekah Ray, Dulana Reese, Jeff Keyseear, Ronnie Perkins; and Clerk of Council, Debbie Bernardo.

Discussion at the meeting related to the definition of family and to a proposed rental housing code that was drafted by Mr. Gladden for the committee's review. Discussion of the draft legislation also centered on the need for registration of rental properties and appropriate registration and/or occupancy fees, as well as on the need for inspections and a set of guidelines, or standards, for said inspections. Mr. Gladden offered to provide suggested inspection guidelines for review by the Code Enforcement manager and the director of Urban Development.

Council members Carroll and Dryden stated that they will meet with the director of urban development regarding the draft rental housing ordinance.

Council President Carroll announced that the Environmental Court case regarding the property on has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017; he asked Mr. Gladden to attend.

The next meeting of the Rental Properties Committee was scheduled for 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017. Council President Carroll said he may invited the planning and code enforcement division managers.

Council President Carroll adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m., this the 15th day of February, A.D., 2016.

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