

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Hattiesburg City Council held a meeting of its Rental Properties Committee at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2017, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those in attendance included Council President Carter Carroll; Council Vice President Mary Dryden; attorney Jim Gladden; and committee members Rebekah Ray, Ph.D., Jeff Keysear, Ronnie Perkins and Andy Stetelman.

Committee members heard an update on the case related to Lee Circle. Attorney Gladden stated that the judge's decision has not been made; Ms. Ray reported that the tenants in question have moved out.

Attorney Gladden distributed copies of the Landlord Tenant Law, as well as samples of rental registration ordinances from Texas, North Carolina and New York. Subsequent discussion related to the relative strengths and weaknesses of various types of rental housing ordinances; Attorney Gladden stated that rental registration ordinances are considered weakest and that ordinances that focus on both registration and inspection are considered strongest.

Committee members also discussed possible registration fees and registration periods, for inclusion in an ordinance that the committee hopes to be drafted for Council consideration by September.

Council President Carroll closed the meeting at 6:57 p.m., this the 10th day of May, A.D., 2017.

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