

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR APRIL 2010 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 6, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular April 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized and congratulated Police Officer John Garcia for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of December 2009.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the March 16, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a scheduled Code Enforcement hearing for property located at 511 Christine Drive. After the Mayor and Board reviewed photographs of the condition of said property, the Mayor asked if anyone wished to come forward and speak in regard to the matter. There being no response, Alderman Steen moved to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's recommendation and adjudicate the cost of cleaning pursuant to Section 212-19-11 of Mississippi Code of 1972. A copy of the Notice of Hearing published in the Madison County Journal on March 11, 2010 is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE CALLING SYSTEM

There next came for consideration the matter of reviewing and discussing an agreement with Blackboard Connect for Government, a service that allows government leaders to provide notices, direction, and reassurance to their citizens. Following discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to approve entering into said agreement.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Nay
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Alderman Heard	Nay
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Nay
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Nay
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion failed.

STORAGE ZONE SITE PLAN

There next came for consideration the matter of reviewing a revised site plan for Storage Zone, a climate controlled storage facility proposed to be located on Highway 51. Alderman Gautier moved to deny approval of said plan. Alderman Ramsey seconded the Motion.

Next, Alderman Steen made a Substitute Motion to approve the Storage Zone site plan contingent upon the owners complying with the items set out in the letter attached hereto as Exhibit “B”; and that operating hours be from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

The Substitute Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Nay
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Nay
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Nay

The Mayor then declared the Substitute Motion carried.

PROTECTIVE HELMENTS ORDINANCE

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an ordinance to require all persons to wear protective helmets when riding a bicycle, either as an operator or a passenger. Alderman Hamlin moved to adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Jones moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Code Enforcement
 - i. Cancel Hearings: 243 North Wheatley Street; 289 Commerce Park Drive; Thompson Shelton Road
 - ii. Set Hearing Date-May 4, 2010
Log Village Parcel #072D-19D-072/00.00, 072D-19D-074/00.00, 072D-19D-075/00.00 (Old Fifty One LLC)
218 North Wheatley Street (Howard Boutwell)
 - iii. Cancel Hearing & Reset-May 4, 2010
216 Boyd Street (Ricky Mabry)
Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (b) Sample & Associates-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
DEQ White Oak Sewer-Requisition #2
CDBG GOZONE Water Invoices-Requisition #14
- (c) Website Redesign Proposal-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (d) Employee Wellness Program-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (e) Surplus Property/MIS-Computer Equipment-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (f) Budget Amendment Request/Fire Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (g) Request to Approve Disposal of Old Documents/Fire Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (h) Surplus Property/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (i) Special Event Permit Applications/NO WAIVER OF FEES
 - i. Township's 1st Annual Blues Fest-Soulshine Pizza Factory
 - ii. March of Dimes March for Babies
 - iii. Metro Jackson Cyclist Bike Race-Hope House
 - iv. 3rd Annual Jazz FestivalOrder attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (j) Request to Approve Acceptance of Donation by MS Insurance Department-2005 Pitney Bowes Folding and Inserting Machine-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"
- (k) Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Increase Just Compensation for the Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "N"
- (l) WEI Amended Services Agreement-I-55 Utility Relocation (MDOT Resolution)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "O"
- (m) WEI School Street/Wheatley Street Water Line Relocation-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "P"
- (n) WEI Logan's, Comfort Inn, & Drury Inn Water Line Agreement-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- (o) Approve Bid Award/House Demolition Bid for Lake Harbour Drive Project-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "R"
- (p) Highland Colony Parkway AARA 2 Project/Authorization to Sign Progress & Cost Estimate Documents-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "S"
- (q) Property Maintenance Code Ordinance-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "T"
- (r) Readopt Ridgeland Area Master Plan-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "U"
- (s) Tourism Commission: Ridgeland Chamber Reappointment-John McCommon; Hotel Industry Reappointment-Brad Drew-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "V"

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye

Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 83733-84125 with the exception of claim numbers 83898-83916 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated April 6, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Alderman Steen left the meeting because of potential conflict of interest.

Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 83898-83916 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated April 6, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Jones moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye

Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss right-of-way acquisition on Lake Harbour Drive.

Alderman Gautier moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that, by unanimous vote, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were going into executive session to discuss right-of-way acquisition on Lake Harbour Drive.

The meeting was then closed and the Board went into executive session.

After Woody Sample, the City's Acquisition Administrator, addressed the Mayor and Board, the following Motions were made regarding acquisition of property on Lake Harbour Drive.

Alderman Ramsey moved to approve increasing just compensation for Parcel 30T to \$1,700.00.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen moved to increase just compensation for the following Lake Harbour Drive parcels: 14T, 34T, and 66W&T.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye

Alderman Ramsey Aye
Alderman Jones Aye
Alderman Hamlin Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

After discussion, Alderman Steen moved to revise just compensation for Parcel 62T owned by LMISS, LLC (Maley Swim School) on Lake Harbour Drive.

Copies of memorandums from Woody Sample, Acquisition Administrator, related to the abovementioned parcels are attached hereto as Exhibit "W".

Alderman Jones moved that the Board come out of executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Steen Aye
Alderman Heard Aye
Alderman Gautier Aye
Alderman Holder Aye
Alderman Ramsey Aye
Alderman Jones Aye
Alderman Hamlin Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened, whereupon the Mayor informed the public of the action taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the regular meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of _____.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Overby, City Clerk