

**SECOND REGULAR DECEMBER 2009 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
DECEMBER 15, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular December 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Attorney Jerry Mills and City Clerk David Overby. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Alderman Chuck Gautier entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m..

The Mayor recognized and congratulated Sergeant Grady Fisher for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of September.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**YELVERTON CONSULTING PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving an updated Yelverton Consulting Professional Service Agreement. Alderman Jones moved to approve said agreement and to approve a budget amendment to cover the increased cost. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Alderman Gautier moved to adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is on file in Ordinance Book #8 in the City Clerk's office.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen 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) Western Water Improvement Phase I-Amendment #9/Waggoner Engineering, Inc.-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Tree Mitigation Fund/Budget Amendment-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) MELOTA Reimbursement-Budget Amendment/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Surplus Property/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Code Enforcement-Highway 51 Lot (Parcel #072I-30C-005/01.01Adjudication of Cost Including \$250.00 Penalty-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Establishment of Just Compensation
Ridgeland Road-Center Street Traffic Signal
Rice Road-Pear Orchard Road Traffic Signal
Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Highland Colony Parkway Overlay Project (ARRA)/Consider Continuation of Meeting until December 18, 2009, 1:30 p.m.- Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"

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 81629-81906 with the exception of claim numbers 81774-81784 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 15, 2009 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.

Alderman Steen left the meeting at this time because of potential conflict.

Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 81774-81784 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 15, 2009 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey 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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder 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.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss acquisition of property.

Alderman Steen moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into 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 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 acquisition of property.

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

After discussion, Alderman Jones moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen come out of executive session.

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.

The meeting was then reopened, whereupon, the Mayor informed the public that there was no action taken during executive session.

WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT

At this time, Woody Sample, Property Administrator, explained to the Mayor and Board that Mr. Charlie Hughes had refused his offer, on behalf of the city, of \$5,000 for a cluster of trees located within the temporary easement acquired by the City in the implementation of the White Oak Creek Sewer project. Mr. Hughes later contacted Mr. Sample and stated that he would take \$11,435, the average of two quotes he obtained from forestry consultants. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to accept Mr. Samples' recommendation to pay Mr. Hughes' asking price of \$11,435. Correspondence regarding this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the second regular December 2009 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk