

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR FEBRUARY 2009 MEETING OF
THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
FEBRUARY 17, 2009
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular February 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Holder, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney James Gabriel.

The Mayor introduced Donna Yowell, Mississippi Executive Director of the Urban Forest Council, who presented the Mayor with a plaque designating the City of Ridgeland as "Tree City USA".

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the February 3, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

**PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF
RIDGELAND SIGN REGULATIONS**

The Mayor announced that it is now time for the public hearing published for this time and date for the purpose of determining whether or not certain amendments shall be made to the City of Ridgeland Sign Regulations. The City Clerk adjudicated that a public hearing notice, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", was published on January 29, 2009 in the Madison County Journal.

At this time, the Community Development Director came forward and reviewed the proposed amendments, with the exception of Outdoor Advertising Signs, to the City's Sign Regulations and answered questions from members of the Board and then James Gabriel, City Attorney, reviewed Section XI-Outdoor Advertising Signs.

Next, the Mayor asked the public if anyone wished to address the Board, there being no response, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE AMENDING SIGN REGULATIONS

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an ordinance amending the sign regulations of the City of Ridgeland and adopting a new codification of the sign regulations.

A Motion to adopt said ordinance was made by Alderman Steen and Seconded by Alderman Holder, the ordinance was reduced to writing and was submitted to a Roll Call Vote, the result was as follows:

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

A copy of the ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

HEDERMAN BROTHERS/REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by Hederman Brothers LLC for an exemption from Ad Valorem taxes for a period of ten years. Alderman Davis moved to deny said request.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

2009 ELECTION EQUIPMENT & SUPPORT

There next came for consideration the matter of contracting with Premier Election Solutions regarding the use of their TSX Devices and Technical support for the upcoming 2009 Municipal Elections. Alderman Steen moved to authorize the City Clerk to enter into said contract. A copy of the contract is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

WAGGONER ENGINEERING LETTER AGREEMENT RELOCATION OF UTILITIES

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a letter agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. to provide professional services for the Interstate 55 Frontage Road utility relocation project. Alderman Steen moved to approve entering into said letter agreement, a copy o which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye

Alderman Holder Aye
Alderman Roberts Aye
Alderman Jones Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS POSITION UPGRADE

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Public Works Director for a part-time position being paid from the Public Utilities Fund to be upgraded to a full-time position effective February 20, 2009. Alderman Jones moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

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

Alderman Davis Aye
Alderman Steen Aye
Alderman Heard Aye
Alderman Gautier Aye
Alderman Holder Aye
Alderman Roberts Aye
Alderman Jones Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

**CHRISTMAS TREE REIMBURSEMENT/
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Recreation and Parks Director for authorization to accept a check from the Ridgeland Tourism Commission for reimbursement for a Christmas tree; and to authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$27,144.00, the amount of the check. Alderman Holder moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

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

Alderman Davis Aye
Alderman Steen Aye
Alderman Heard Aye
Alderman Gautier Aye
Alderman Holder Aye
Alderman Roberts Aye
Alderman Jones Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

SURPLUS VEHICLES/POLICE DEPARTMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for authorization to declare certain vehicles as surplus property. Alderman Heard moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for authorization to transfer certain COPS Technology Grant funds to enable repayment to the General Fund for a loan; and to pay the City of Madison their share of the funds. Alderman Steen moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

WELTENS RESTITUTION

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for a budget amendment to transfer \$100.00 , the amount of a money order paid to the Police Department by Amanda Weltens for destruction of city property, to account number 001-100-605 (telephone expense). Alderman Jones moved that the request, attached hereto as Exhibit "I", be granted.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

AT&T REFUND

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for a budget amendment to transfer \$133.63 received from AT&T for a refund of a credit on a final bill. Alderman Jones moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

DONATION/DISTRICT ATTORNEY

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Michael Guest, Rankin/Madison District Attorney to aid in the purchase of a K-9 for the Police Department. Alderman Steen moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "K".

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 74654 through 74963 with the exception of claim number 74689 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated February 17, 2009 be paid.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye

Alderman Jones

Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time, Alderman Roberts left the meeting because his wife is employed by Cellular South.

Alderman Holder moved to pay claim number 74689 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated February 17, 2009.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of February 2009.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk