

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR JANUARY 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
JANUARY 4, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular January 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Ken Heard was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Gautier requested that item (c) Establishment of Just Compensation, i. White Oak Creek Sewer, ii. Old Agency/Livingston Road Water Project and item (d) Banned Dogs Ordinance - Jimmy L. Lockhart, Jr. be removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Ramsey moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Transfer of Funds (Library)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Parking Adjustment Request (M-R Clinic)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**NEW RESIDENT REQUEST TO HARBOR BANNED DOG BREED**

Next for consideration came the matter of a request by Jimmy L. Lockhart Jr. to harbor his American Staffordshire Terrier within the City's corporate limits. City of Ridgeland Ordinance 200902 lists the American Staffordshire Terrier as a banned breed of dog and makes keeping or harboring this breed unlawful if not properly registered within the specified grace period.

Following a determination by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the request is not permitted under the existing ordinance, Alderman Ramsey moved to deny Mr. Lockhart's request. Copies of related documents are 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	Absent
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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**MDEQ/TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT APPLICATION**

Next came the matter of considering the submission of an application to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for an assessment of the future City Center site.

Alderman Steen moved to authorize the Mayor to submit the application for the Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program contingent upon a satisfactory review of the program requirements by the City Attorney and the Mayor. A copy of said application is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 90295-90305 with the exception of claim numbers 90016-90027 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 30, 2010 be paid.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen recused himself and left the boardroom to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 90016-90027 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 30, 2010.

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

Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Absent
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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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 acquisition of property.

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

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

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

The Mayor 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 Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

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

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**ESTABLISH JUST COMPENSATION/OLD AGENCY-LIVINGSTON ROAD  
WATER PROJECT AND WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT**

Next came the matter of establishing just compensation for property located within the Old Agency/Livingston Road water project and White Oak Creek sewer project. Alderman Gautier moved to approve the two schedules attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the first regular January 2011 meeting adjourned.