

**FIRST REGULAR JANUARY 5, 2010 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
JANUARY 5, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular January 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 Attorney Jerry Mills and Deputy Clerk Selwyn McPhearson.

The Mayor introduced the following Boy Scouts from Troop 9 sponsored by Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Madison: Jagger Atchley, Chris Berry, Daniel Clapper, Thomas Maisel, John Peyton, Kody Redd, Nathan Subia, Conner Hendrix, and the following Scout Leaders: Tim Atchley, Ray Berry, Lee Clapper, and Nick Maisel.

Next, Scout Daniel Clapper offered an invocation and Scout Jagger Atchley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor introduced Police Officer Adrian Ready and congratulated him for being selected as Police Officer of the Month for the month of October 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

The first order of business was the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Steen moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) CDBG Invoices & Request of Cash-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Declare Property Surplus/Fire Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Check Deposits-Budget Amendment/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Utility Service Contract Amendment-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Lake Harbour Surplus Property-Order 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	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 Hamlin moved that claim numbers 81907-82198 with the exception of claim numbers 82024-82039 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 5, 2009 be paid.

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.

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

Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 82024-82039 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 5, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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 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 declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss negotiation of real property and potential litigation.

Alderman Steen 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 negotiation of real property and potential litigation.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the City's offer to Wachovia Bank in the amount of \$12,300 for the right of way across their property which is needed for the implementation of the Bike Trail project. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to authorize up to \$5,885.00 in additional just compensation to cover an electrician's cost to relocate service to a power pole that feeds the bank with the Public Works Department determining if it can be done at a lower cost.

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.

Next, the Community Development Director, Alan Hart, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding repairs and reconstruction of a retaining wall located in Trace Harbour Village.

After discussion, Alderman Steen moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a lawsuit against any responsible party to enforce repairs within the adjacent retention pond. Further, the filing of the lawsuit will be held in abeyance subject to Mr. Hart receiving and reviewing a schedule of engineering and construction to be brought back to the Board.

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.

At the request of Alderman Heard the legal issues concerning the Madison County Board of Supervisor's contribution to the Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project were discussed. No motions or votes were taken.

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 _____ 2010.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Overby, City Clerk