

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MARCH 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
MARCH 1, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular March 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, 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 James Gabriel. Alderman Gerald Steen 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 February 15, 2011 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 Ramsey moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Request Approval of Public Officials' travel to MML meeting in Biloxi June 25-30, 2011-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Special Event Permit Applications-Police
  - i. Fun Day 5K Run/Walk (Highland Elementary School PTO)
  - ii. Soulshine Blues and Groove Fest (Soulshine Pizza Factory)Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Request to Declare Items Surplus Property-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Establish Just Compensation-White Oak Sewer Project (Sample, Hicks & Associates) Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Request Approval of Construction Engineering and Inspection Contract for Rice Road/Pear Orchard Traffic Signal Installation (Neel-Schaffer)-Public Works Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Request Approval of PURF Budget Amendment for Sewer System Mapping-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard 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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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Next for consideration came the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 91328-91600 on claims docket dated February 25, 2011 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.

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**REVISED COMPENSATION FOR PARCELS 43, 45, 46, 47, AND 50/WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT**

Next, the Mayor and Board reviewed a memorandum from the City's Acquisition Administrator, Woody Sample, concerning ongoing negotiations with property owners to acquire easements on five separately owned parcels of land for implementation of the White Oak Creek sewer project. Owners of parcels 43, 45, 46, 47, and 50 twice responded to the City's offers of just compensation with counter offers, each of which included a stipulation for the City to provide one (1) sewer connection per parcel at no charge as a condition of the easement agreements.

Alderman Holder moved that the City provide one (1) sewer connection per parcel at no charge and pay the consideration requested by the property owners rather than incur the expense of an eminent domain suit. A copy of Mr. Sample's memorandum detailing revised compensation for each parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

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.

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**REVISED COMPENSATION FOR PARCELS 53, 52, AND 59/WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT**

Next for consideration came the matter of counter offers from property owners for easements on three additional parcels of land necessary for implementation of the White Oak Creek sewer project. Owners of parcels 53, 52, and 59 presented counter offers requesting increases of just compensation based on estimates for various fencing and landscape replacement.

After the Mayor and Board reviewed memorandums from the City's Acquisition Administrator along with price quotes and estimates obtained by property owners, the following Motions were made regarding revised compensation for said parcels.

Alderman Gautier moved to approve paying increased compensation for Parcel 53/White Oak Creek sewer project.

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 Jones moved to approve paying increased compensation for Parcel 52/White Oak Creek sewer project.

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 Hamlin moved to approve paying increased compensation for Parcel 59/White Oak Creek sewer project.

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.

Copies of related documents for each of the aforementioned parcels are attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

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**PARCELS 54 AND 56/WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT**

There next came for consideration the matter of acquiring easements from the owners of parcels 54 and 56 for further implementation of the White Oak Creek sewer project. The City Attorney reported that random portions of the parcels have been sold for taxes each year for numerous years resulting in multiple owners of both parcels. After discussion, Alderman Jones moved to adopt the Resolutions, attached hereto as Exhibit "I", for parcels 54 and 56 and to authorize legal counsel to pursue condemnation, if necessary.

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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**AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR  
TO NEGOTIATE EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS**

Alderman Jones moved to give the Mayor authority to set compensation in the acquisition of easements for the White Oak Creek sewer project and the West Waterline project up to \$2,500.00 per parcel.

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.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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