

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

The Mayor called the second regular March 2009 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 Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David Overby, City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Linda Davis was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished financial statements for the periods ending December 31, 2008 and January 31, 2009.

The Mayor introduced and congratulated Police Officer Scott Culberson for being selected the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of March.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the March 3, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

**PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO ANIMAL
CONTROL ORDINANCE**

The Mayor announced that the public hearing regarding considering certain amendments to the City of Ridgeland Animal Control Ordinance is now open. The City Clerk adjudicated that notice of the public hearing was published in the Madison County Journal on February 26, 2009 and March 5, 2009, copies of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

At this time, Jerry Mills, City Attorney, explained that were two (2) ordinances to consider. The first being an ordinance banning specific breeds of dogs from the City of Ridgeland; and the second ordinance is a clarification of the changes to the existing Animal Control Ordinance.

Next, the Mayor invited those who had signed up to speak to come forward as he announces their name, at which time, a number of citizens including Lisa Key, Lesley Mukoro, Elton Holloway, Gloria Grantham, Mary Week, Debra Stringer, Jim Smith, and Michael Smith asked questions and presented their positions in regard to the adoption of the proposed ordinances.

After the Mayor asked if anyone else wished to speak and there was not response, he declared the public hearing closed.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, Alderman Heard requested that the Mayor and Board consider each breed separately prior to the consideration of the ordinance as a whole.

Alderman Gautier moved to include the Staffordshire Bull Terrier in the ordinance banning specific breeds of dogs.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Holder moved that the American Staffordshire Terrier be included in the ordinance banning of specific breeds of dogs.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Gautier moved to include Rottweilers in the aforesaid ordinance. There being no second the motion died.

Alderman Steen moved to include Wolf -Dog Hybrids in the ordinance banning specific breeds of dogs.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Then, Alderman Heard moved to approve Section 2 (F-K) with the deletion of Rotweiler.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Steen moved to remove Section 14-173 Registration. There being no second, the Motion died.

Alderman Gautier moved to amend Section 14-173 of said ordinance changing the number of dogs from three to one (1) Banned Breed of Dogs which is presently harbored within the city may be maintained by the present owners until such dog dies.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Gautier moved to amend Section 14-88 (c.) (1) Registration of the ordinance amending the Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland to change the registration fee from \$250.00 to \$100.00.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Gautier moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance Amending the Existing Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Concerning the Regulation and Control of Animals Within the Municipal Limits by Adding the Banning of Specific Breeds of Dogs from the City of Ridgeland and for Related Purposes with the aforementioned changes.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Steen moved to adopt the proposed Animal Control Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Adopted on March 19, 1991, As Amended, and Adopting a New Codification of the Animal Control Ordinance which is a clarification of the above mentioned changes.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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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.

Copies of the above adopted ordinances are located in Ordinance Book # 8 in the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
YELVERTON CONSULTING, LLC**

There next came for consideration the matter of into a Professional Services Agreement with Yelverton Consulting, LLC regarding legislative advocacy and governmental consulting services. Alderman Gautier moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into said agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

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) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Layout/Design & Print For Ridgeland Magazine-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (b) Concession Contract/Recreation & Parks Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Tree Mitigation Fund/Budget Amendment-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (d) Community Awareness Committee Appointments
 - i. Sells Newman, Jr. (Alderman Steen)
 - ii. Paula Loeb (Alderman Gautier)
- (e) Request to Declare Property Surplus/Administration-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) State Aid Road Project-Request for Repair/Adopt Resolution-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Consider Award of Bid for Steed Road & Highland Colony Parkway Traffic Signal-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Consider Asphalt Bid Award/Dickerson & Bowen for Item 1; Adcamp, Inc. for Items 2-7; Alternate Bid to APAC-Mississippi, Inc. for Items 1-7-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (i) Set Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing 04/21/09
- (j) Budget Amendment/Restitution for Police Vehicle Damage-\$326.96-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

COMCAST & AT&T FRANCHISES

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the City Clerk for authorization to employ Clark Monroe to assist the City in the Franchise agreement renewal with Comcast and the potential Franchise Agreement with AT&T. Alderman Jones moved to grant said request.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
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.

Alderman Steen left the meeting.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 75289 through 75591 with the exception of claim numbers 75333 through 75337 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 17, 2009 be paid.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts left the meeting because his wife is employed by Cellular South.

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Alderman Jones moved to pay claim numbers 75333 through 75337 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 17, 2009.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Absent
Alderman Jones	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 second March 2009 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 2nd day of APRIL March 2009.