

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR MAY 2010 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
MAY 18, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular May 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, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Wesley Hamlin was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized and congratulated Police Officer Kevin Harris for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of February 2010.

Next, the Mayor announced that the City of Ridgeland received the Bicycle Friendly Community Award from the League of American Bicyclists and then congratulated Alderman Brian Ramsey for graduating from Leadership Madison County.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of the minutes from the May 11, 2010 meeting of the Architectural Review Board.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the April 20, 2010 and the May 4, 2010 meetings of the Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of scheduled Code Enforcement hearings. The first hearing was for property located at 665 Ralde Circle. The City Clerk adjudicated that notice of hearing was published in the Madison County Journal on April 29, 2010. The Mayor asked if anyone was present who wished to come forward and speak in regard to the matter. There being no response, Alderman Steen moved to accept the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer and adjudicate the cost of cleaning pursuant to Section 212-19-11 of Mississippi Code of 1972. A copy of said notice of hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the matter of the Code Enforcement hearing for property located at 7116 Old Canton Road. The City Clerk adjudicated that notice of hearing was published in the Madison County Journal on April 29, 2010. After the Mayor asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the matter and there was no response, Alderman Jones moved to accept the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer and adjudicate the cost of cleaning pursuant to state statute. A copy of the notice of hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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	Absent

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) Code Enforcement-Set Hearing-June 15, 2010/451 South Wheatley Street (Ken Avery)
- (b) Site Plan/1065 & 1067 Highland Colony Parkway (Township)- Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Cellular South Agreement-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Resolution Appointing MS Municipal League 2010 Voting Delegates:
 - Delegate: Gene McGee
 - 1st Alternate: Scott Jones
 - 2nd Alternate: Kevin HolderOrder attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Approve Budget Amendment Requests:
 - i. Fire Department
 - ii. Police DepartmentOrder attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant Program-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Waggoner Engineering Change Order/Livingston Road Tank & Well-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"

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	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 84715-85007 with the exception of claim numbers 84862-84873 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated May 18, 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	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Ramsey moved that claim numbers 84862-84873 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket May 18, 2010 be paid.

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	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

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

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss litigation regarding a drainage issue.

Alderman Gautier moved that the Mayor and Board go into executive session.

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

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 litigation regarding a drainage issue.

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

After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to deny a request by Ken Ellis and Eric Ritter to repair a pond dam located at 126 Mockingbird Lane.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones 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	Absent

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Jones moved that the Board come out of 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	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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 second regular May meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of _____
_____ 2010.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Overby, City Clerk