

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 2, 2010
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular November 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 Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Matt Bailey came forward and introduced Craig Nash, the new training officer for the City's Fire Department.

At this time, the Mayor recognized and congratulated Police Officer Mike Chapman for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of August 2010.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were furnished minutes from the October 26, 2010 Architectural Review Board meeting.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the October 19, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Steen moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Request Approval of Extended Shopping Hours for 2010 Holiday Season (Northpark Mall)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Request Approval of Special Event Permit-Metro Jackson Cyclist Bike Race-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Request to Declare Abandoned Property as Surplus-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Request Approval of Change Order/Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project (Faircloth Demolition)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Request Approval of Change Order No. 1 and Closeout Documents/West Jackson Street Bike Trail Connection Project-Waggoner Engineering (Southern Rock)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Request Approval of DEQ Requisition No. 10/White Oak Creek Sewer Project-Sample, Hicks & Associates (Hemphill Construction)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Request Approval of Right of Way Agreement for White Oak Creek Sewer/Natchez Trace-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Request Approval of Letter Agreement/Old Agency Road Bridge Improvements (Waggoner Engineering)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Request Approval of Budget Amendment/Public Utilities Fund Budget for Operating Supplies (400-650-540)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (j) Holidays for 2010 Season
 - i. Thanksgiving - November 25 and 26
 - ii. Christmas - December 24 and 27
 - iii. New Year's - December 31

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 Jones moved that claim numbers 88785-89113 with the exception of claim numbers 88908-88917 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated October 28, 2010 be paid.

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 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 88908-88917 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket October 28, 2010 be paid.

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.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
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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 matters of litigation.

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

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen 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 Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that, by unanimous vote, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were going into executive session to discuss matters of litigation.

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

After discussion, Alderman Steen moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen 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	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.

BAYMEADOWS, LLC/TIME EXTENSION REQUEST

Next came the matter of a letter from J. Lawson Hester of Wyatt, Tarrant, & Combs, LLP requesting additional time for Baymeadows, LLC to resolve code violations and make repairs to Baymeadows Apartments.

After hearing a report from the Community Development Director and Building Official regarding the progress made to resolve violations since the conclusion of the appeal, Alderman Ramsey moved to deny the request from J. Lawson Hester on behalf of Baymeadows, LLC for an extension of time to repair the violations noted in the original Order dated June 10, 2010 by the Building Official and to continue enforcement actions as prescribed in the *Property Maintenance Code of the City of Ridgeland*. A copy of the original Order, which indicates the unmet requirements for the granting of an extension, was submitted to the City Clerk for inclusion as an Exhibit.

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	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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