

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular September 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Kevin Holder was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of the minutes of the September 3, 2009 meeting of the Zoning Board and financial statement for the periods ending June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009.

The Mayor introduced and congratulated Police Officer Daniel Soto for being selected "Officer of the Month" for the month of June 2009.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the September 1, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING

There next came for consideration the matter of a Code Enforcement hearing for property located at 716 Lansdowne Lane. After the Mayor and Board reviewed a photograph of the condition of the property, the Mayor asked if anyone wished to come forward and speak. There being no response, Alderman Jones moved to accept the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer and adjudicate the cost of cleaning pursuant to Section 21-19-11 Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972.

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	Absent
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Holder entered the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

COLONY PARK TIF BONDS/ADOPT RESOLUTION

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2009 of the City of Ridgeland. Alderman Jones moved to adopt said resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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.

LAKE HARBOUR DRIVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of approving entering into an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ridgeland and Madison County on the County’s assistance in paying for the construction of Lake Harbour Drive. Alderman Gautier moved to approve said agreement, discussion then ensued regarding forwarding the agreement to the Madison County Board of Supervisors for their approval and requesting County approval by October 20, 2009. A copy of the agreement 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	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Reset Public Hearing-October 6, 2009/Extend Moratorium on Location of Certain Types of Businesses until Public Hearing (10-06-09)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “C”
- (b) Approve Voting Delegates for National League of Cities/Mayor Gene McGee and Alderman Kevin Holder-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “D”
- (c) Special Event Permits-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “E”
 - i. MS Leukemia/Lymphoma Society Fundraiser/Waive Fees
 - ii. Trunk or Treat/Recreation & Parks Department
- (d) DUI Enforcement Grant/Authorization to Apply-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “F”
- (e) Petition for Dimensional Variance-260 Christopher Cove-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “G”
- (e) Code Enforcement
 - i. Set Hearings-October 20,2009
 - 128 Chinquipin Cove (Kenneth M. Crook)
 - 308 South Ridge Drive (Billy McFarland)
 - 904B Glastonbury Circle (MERS)
 - 340 Meadow Ridge Drive (Jill Rogers)
 - Vacant Lot-Parcel # 072I-30C-005/00.000

- ii. Cancel Hearing/812 Lake Harbour Drive
- (f) Term Bids/October 1, 2009-September 30, 2010-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (g) School Street Water Line Engineering Selection-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"

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.

EMPLOYEE EVALUATION RAISES

There next came for consideration the matter of approving employee evaluation raises. Alderman Holder moved to approve a 2 1/2 % employee evaluation raise for all employees. Alderman Gautier seconded the Motion.

Alderman Steen made a Substitute Motion to approve a 2 1/2% employee evaluation raise for hourly employees only. Alderman Heard seconded the Motion.

After discussion, Alderman Heard moved to call the question. The Mayor asked for a vote to end debate. The Board voted 7-0 to end debate.

The Substitute Motion to approve a 2 1/2% employee evaluation raise for hourly employees only was voted thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Substitute Motion failed.

Next, Alderman Steen again moved to approve a 2 1/2 % employee evaluation for hourly employees only.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion failed.

Alderman Jones moved to approve the FY2010 budget. Alderman Heard seconded the Motion.

After discussion, Aldermen Jones and Heard withdrew their Motion & second. Alderman Gautier moved to approve 2 ½% evaluation raises to all employees except Department Heads and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

ADOPT ORDER APPROVING FY2010 BUDGET

At this time, Alderman Jones moved to adopt an Order approving the 2010 budget with 2 ½% evaluation raises for all employees except Department Heads and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

ORDER TO LEVY TAX MILLAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a tax levy for the City of Ridgeland's ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2010. Alderman Steen moved to adopt an Order approving a tax levy of 20.03 mills for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010. A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "K".

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.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There next came for consideration the matter of appointing various committee members.

ZONING BOARD

Mayor Gene McGee

Larry Miller
114 Sunnycrest
601-853-6883 (h)

Alderman Gerald Steen

Mark Irby
4680 McWillie Drive
601-981-4822 (w)
601-981-4829 (c)

Alderman Ken Heard

Bernie Giessner
238 Sawbridge Dr.
601-853-0815 (h)
601-957-2676 (w)

Alderman Chuck Gautier

Phillip Huskey
407 Shadowood Dr.
601-898-0038 (h)
601-856-0000 (w)

Alderman Brian Ramsey

Walter Cox
532 Boardwalk Blvd.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin

Julius Murray
7041 Edgewater Dr.
601-856-2926 (h)
601-842-2946

Alderman Heard moved that the above appointments be affirmed.

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 then declared the Motion carried.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Gene McGee

Alex Ross Moore
P.O. Box 1648
601-899-8818 (w)
601-772-8818 (c)

Alderman Gerald Steen

Phil Ayers
279 Red Eagle Cir.
601-856-4874 (h)
601-974-6265 (w)
601-720-4874 (c)

Alderman Ken Heard

Glenn Ray
900 Steed Road
601-856-6736 (h)

Alderman Kevin Holder

Connie Suber
152 Green Oak Dr.
601-957-6589 (h)
601-815-3037 (w)

Alderman Brian Ramsey

Donald Pendergrast
305 Peach Orchard Dr.
601-853-1502 (h)

Alderman Scott Jones

Bill Dicken
124 Vineyard Blvd.
Brandon 39047
601-829-1894 (h)
601-939-7717 (w)
601-519-6376 (c)

Alderman Wesley Hamlin

Karen Bishop.
761 Rice Rd.
601-927-3102 (c)

Alderman Jones moved that the above nominations be affirmed.

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.

RECREATION & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

Mayor Gene McGee

Stephen Johnston
613 Berridge Dr.
601-605-9264 (h)

Alderman Gerald Steen

Larry Anderson
329 Meadow Ridge Dr.
601-856-3012 (h)

Alderman Ken Heard

Jerry Neill
206 Westfield Rd.
601-898-9916 (h)

Alderman Chuck Gautier

John Evans
296 Woodrun Dr.
601-853-0450

Alderman Kevin Holder

Jay Harris
205 E. Ford St.
601-898-9139

Alderman Brian Ramsey

James Freeman
588 Boardwalk Blvd.
601-856-5680 (h)

Alderman Wesley Hamlin

Wayne Jimenez
203 Westfield Rd.
601-856-3105

Alderman Hamlin moved to accept the abovementioned nominations to the Recreation & Parks Advisory Board.

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.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mayor Gene McGee

Peggy Gauthé
111 Hawthorne Vale
601-898-3475 (h)

Alderman Gerald Steen

Pat Werne
287 Woodrun Dr.
601-427-2771

Alderman Ken Heard

Mary Saunders

Alderman Chuck Gautier

Peggy Horne

Alderman Brian Ramsey

Michelle Harrison
407 Friday Harbour

Alderman Scott Jones

Alderman Ramsey moved that the above nominations be affirmed.

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 79620-79952 with the exception of claim numbers 79764-79782 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated 09/15/09 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.

At this time Alderman Steen left the meeting due to potential conflict of interest.

Alderman Holder moved that claim numbers 79764-79782 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated 09/15/09 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.

ORDER RECESSING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the second regular September 15, 2009 meeting recessed until September 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ridgeland City Hall for the purpose of discussing Economic Development.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this _____ day of September 2009.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Overby, City Clerk

