

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR JULY 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 19, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor Pro Tempore (Pro Tem) called the second regular July 2011 meeting to order. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Scott Jones, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Mayor Gene F. McGee and Alderman Kevin Holder were 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 July 5, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**REQUEST FOR BUILDING CODE VARIANCE/101 COMMONS PLACE**

Next, came the matter of a request for a variance to the Building Code by Deep South Custom Homes, builder of the 2011 St. Jude's Dream Home, for issues concerning the home's staircase. The staircase of the recently constructed Dream Home, located at 101 Commons Place in the Township at Colony Park, does not meet the requirements of the City's adopted residential building code due to steps which exceed the maximum overall height allowed for risers and for numerous risers that exceed the maximum allowed variation between riser heights.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Board reviewed photographs of the specific areas of the staircase that do not meet code requirements as well as a letter from the future homeowners, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan L. Eaton, who expressed that they have no concerns regarding the construction of the stairway and stated their willingness to sign an agreement to hold the City harmless from any consequences of the nonconforming risers. Alderman Ramsey moved to deny the aforementioned variance request due to concerns of safety with staircase steps 1, 10, 11 and 23.

Alderman Hamlin seconded the Motion.

Alderman Steen made a Substitute Motion to approve the variance request for all but step 11 and moved to require repair of said step prior to the release of the certificate of occupancy for the home. He noted that repair of step 11 would serve to correct the riser height of step 10 as well and further moved to require a signed release of damage, in recordable form, to be filed in land records with the initial deed or covenant to the deed as a condition of the certificate of occupancy issuance. All related documents are 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	Nay
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Absent
Alderman Ramsey	Nay
Alderman Jones	Pro Tem
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

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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) Site Plan/Architectural Review-New Construction at the Township at Colony Park (Community Trust Bank)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Code Enforcement-Adjudicate the Cost of Cleaning Property, Assess \$250.00 Statutory Penalty-717 Greenbrook Drive (Shannon and Jodie Skinner) Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Final Plat/Re-Subdivision of a Part of Block 32 in Olde Towne Ridgeland-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Special Event Permit Applications-Police
  - i. Car Audio Sound Competition/Small Car Show, 07/24/11 (Precision Car Audio)
  - ii. A Day of Fitness, 07/24/11 (Gattitown)
  - iii. Community Outreach Fellowship Service at Old Trace Park, 08/11/11 (Crossgates Baptist Church)
 Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Request Approval of Proposal for Demolition of Structure-649 S. Wheatley St. (Bulldog Construction)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Request Approval of Proposal for Asbestos Abatement-645 S. Wheatley St. (Love Trucking Company)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Set Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2012 Budget/Date-August 16, 2011-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Request approval to add Prosecutor Pro Tem Duties to Existing Training Officer Position-Administration/HR-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (i) Declare Computer Equipment and Miscellaneous Office Equipment as Surplus Property-Administration/MIS-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"

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	Absent
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Pro Tem
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 94362-94719 with the exception of claim numbers 94518-94527 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated July 15, 2011 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	Absent
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Pro Tem
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

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

Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 94518-94527 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated July 15, 2011 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	Absent
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Pro Tem
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor Pro Tem and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the second regular July meeting adjourned.