

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR AUGUST 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
AUGUST 16, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular August 2011 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.

The Mayor then introduced Angela Barial, District Floodplain Management Specialist for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and congratulated Cynthia James, the City's Public Works Drainage Engineer and Floodplain Management Administrator, for her significant achievements in floodplain management for the City. At this time, Ms. Barial came forward and presented Mrs. James with a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Award from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for her successful participation in the NFIP Community Rating System.

Ms. Barial explained that the City of Ridgeland is among only 22 of approximately 300 NFIP participating Mississippi cities and towns to have implemented plans and undertaken activities to meet requirements of the Community Rating System. Having exceeded NFIP participation requirements, Mrs. James' effective administration of floodplain management serves to protect citizens and their property from flood losses, lower costs of flood insurance to property owners, and secure a desirable Class 6 community rating for the City.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**PUBLIC HEARING/ FISCAL YEAR 2011 TAXING AND SPENDING PLAN**

There next came for consideration the matter of conducting a public hearing regarding the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget of the City of Ridgeland for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised as required by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Mayor twice invited the public to make comments or ask questions concerning the taxing and spending plan. There being no response, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and announced that the budget will be voted on at the September 6, 2011 meeting.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Jones moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Special Event Permit Request-5K Run & Concert at the Township at Colony Park to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 09/03/11 (Start 2 Finish Event Management for Event Host Jo Dee Messina)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Request Budget Transfers/\$10,240 from 001-000-277 (OJP Grant - Regular) and \$9,000 from 103-101-730 (Forfeiture and Seizure) to 001-010-740 (Judicial - Capital Vehicles) for Purchase of Vehicle-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Request Approval of Service Agreement for Online Employment Applications (NEOGOV, Inc.)-Admin HR-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Code Enforcement/Adjudicate the Cost of Cleaning 645 S. Wheatley Street (HSBC Bank USA, National Association)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Code Enforcement/Adjudicate the Cost of Cleaning 649 S. Wheatley Street (Deutsche Bank National Trust Company)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"

- (f) Request Budget Amendment/\$9,275 to 001-180-604 (Professional Fees - Other) for final costs of Demolition at 645 and 649 S. Wheatley Street-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Adopt Resolution to Initiate and Activate a Project for Bike Trail Connection-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Adopt Resolution in Support of FY 2011 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (i) Request Authorization to Advertise for Proposals to Create Maps and Deeds for Colony Park Boulevard-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (j) Request Authorization to Purchase Water Lines from the City of Jackson for the Highway 51 Water Distribution Line Project-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (k) Request Budget Transfer/\$10,000 from 001-201-684 (Street Lights) to 001-201-576 (Street Maintenance) for Traffic Signal Improvements at Highway 51/Jackson Street and Highway 51/McClellan Drive Intersections-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (l) Request Approval of Resolution Affirming City's Commitment to Maintain CDBG Funded ADA Improvements to Freedom Ridge Park-R&P-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"

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.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 94995-95339 with the exception of claim numbers 95152-95162 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated August 12, 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	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 95152-95162 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated August 12, 2011 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Holder moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an 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 meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss matters of potential litigation, continuing litigation, and economic development.

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

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 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 potential litigation, continuing litigation, and economic development.

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 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 declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened, whereupon, the Mayor informed the public that no action was taken during executive session.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the second regular August 2011 meeting adjourned.