

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 15, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular November 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 announced that the City had been selected as recipient of the James Farrell Award of Excellence for the ninth consecutive year by the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) and presented the award to John Sidney North, Athletic Coordinator, for the City's Recreation and Parks Department. The Mayor recognized Mr. North for his work as this year's Tournament Director and congratulated him for having conducted two of the highest rated 2011 ASA National Championships.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the November 1, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Special Event Permit Applications-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
 - i. 8K Race, 11/24/11 (Fleet Feet Sports)
 - ii. Grand Opening/Open House, 12/03/11 (The Bike Crossing, LLC)
 - iii. Half Marathon Run/Walk, 12/10/11 (Mississippi Track Club, Inc.)
 - iv. 5K Run/Walk & Fun Run Fundraiser, 02/18/12 (SouthGroup Insurance Services)
 - v. Ridgeland Christmas Parade, 12/03/11 (Recreation & Parks)
 - vi. Ridgeland Floating Christmas Parade, 12/03/11 (Recreation & Parks)
- (b) Request to Declare Seized 1995 Mazda MX6 as Surplus Property-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Accept Reimbursement Check from the National Fire Academy for Attendee Flight Expense/Budget Adjustment-Fire-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Request Approval of CDBG Requisition No. 25/Pay Request No. 4, Western Water System Improvements, Phase II Water Connector Lines (Blurton, Banks & Assoc.)-WEI, Sample, Hicks & Assoc., Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Request Approval of Letter Agreement detailing Design and Construction Engineering Services Proposal for Rice Road Trailhead Improvements/Adopt Resolution of Intent and Authorization for Mayor to Execute all Project Documents/Approve Budget Adjustment of \$50,000 (WEI)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Request Approval of MOU to Access Funds for Craft Center Parking Lot/Authorize Mayor to Sign MOU/Authorize Advertising for Design and Construction Engineering Services for Project (MS Dept. of Finance and Admin)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Request Consent of Revised Assignment Agreement for Red River's transfer of Recycling Pickup Services to Waste Management (Red River Service Corp, Waste Management of MS, Inc.)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Request Approval of Nominee to Serve as Religion Representative on the Community Awareness Committee (Lee Hutchings, Highlands Presbyterian Church Adult Discipleship Coordinator)-Admin Community Affairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"

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.

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a recommendation by the Proposal Selection Committee to award the Administrative Services contract for the City’s 2011 CDBG Public Facilities Project to construct a Universal Design playground at Freedom Ridge Park to Sample, Hicks, & Associates, Inc.

Aldermen Gautier, Adam’s Project board member, recused himself and left the boardroom to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Alderman Jones moved to approve said recommendation of the Project’s Proposal Selection Committee. A copy of a memorandum from Chris Chance, Recreation and Parks Director, as well as a copy of the CDBG proposal rating and review form are attached hereto as Exhibit “T”.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Gautier returned to the meeting.

LYNN AND TERRY EVANS/REQUEST WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION AND APPLICATION TO REZONE REAL PROPERTY

The Mayor noted receipt of a letter from Lynn and Terry Evans, delivered to the City Clerk’s office, requesting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen accept their written request to withdraw their petition and application to Rezone Real Property located at 239 W. Ridgeland Avenue from R-2 to C-2. Alderman Steen moved to accept the aforementioned letter request. A copy of the Evans’ letter is 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	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 96858-97207 with the exception of claim numbers 97006-97015 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated November 10, 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 Gautier moved that claim numbers 97006-97015 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated November 10, 2011 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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