

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR APRIL 2012 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 3, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular April 2012 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Interim City Clerk Paula Tierce, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. 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 March 19, 2012 Work Session and the March 20, 2012 board meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

PUBLIC HEARING/CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO SIGN REGULATIONS

The Mayor announced that the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the City of Ridgeland Sign Regulations was now open. The City Clerk adjudicated that notice of the public hearing was published in the Madison County Journal on March 15, 2012. A copy of said notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

At this time, Alan Hart, Community Development Director, came forward and presented proposed amendments and additions to Section XIA of the City's Sign Regulations. He discussed current regulations as set forth in Section XIA as well as the two classes in which existing outdoor advertising signs are divided. Mr. Hart explained that the amendments propose an additional designation, Class 3, whereby said off-premise outdoor advertising signs, commonly referred to as billboards, would be considered a conforming use, where permitted. He further stated that proposed amendments omit the amortization schedule for existing billboards pending an executed agreement of billboard reduction and enhancement between the City of Ridgeland and the owner, The Lamar Company, LLC, of the off-premise outdoor advertising signs.

The Mayor twice invited the public to make comments or ask questions concerning proposed amendments and additions to the Sign Regulations. There being no response, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Alderman Jones moved to adopt said amendment to the City's Sign Regulations. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier. After discussion, a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman Smith	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. A copy of Ordinance #201205 and other documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Code Enforcement/Adjudicate the Cost of Cleaning Property-479 S. Wheatley St. (Adam Sumrall)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (b) Consider Billboard Reduction and Enhancement Agreement (Lamar Advertising)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Site Plan/Architectural Review-Renovation/Re-image of former Patty Peck Honda building on E. County Line Rd. for Mazda of Ridgeland dealership (Mr. Joe Marshall)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (d) Request Approval of Special Event Permit Application for *Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis* event, 04/22/12 (Josh Fertitta, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, MS Chapter)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (e) Accept Check from Motorola from Sale of Old Equipment/Request Budget Adjustment to 001-100-730 (Capital Machinery and Equipment)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (f) Accept Check from MS Municipal Liability Plan for Uninsured Motorists Property Damage/Request Budget Adjustment to 001-100-632 (Vehicle Expense)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (g) Appoint Deputy Court Clerks for Municipal Court-Police (Court Services)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
 - i. Jeff Pitts
 - ii. Sam Howard
 - iii. Holly Burris
- (h) Request Approval of Lease Agreement for Mowers and Equipment (PNC Equipment Finance)/Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease Agreement-Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (i) Request Approval to Remove Leased Items from Fixed Asset List-Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (j) Request Use of Ridgeland Recreation Center by Mary Kendall Archer, American Cancer Society, for Relay for Life Special Event to be Held at Old Trace Park, 04/27/12/Request City Waive Facility Use Rental Fees and Deposit-Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (k) Request Approval of Consulting Services Agreement for Administration of City's FY 2011 CDBG Public Facilities Project to Construct a Universal Design Playground (Sample, Hicks & Assoc.)/Adopt Resolution Authorizing Mayor and Interim City Clerk as Signatories for all Project Related Cash Requests, Reports and Documents-Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"
- (l) Request Approval of CDBG-GZ Requisition #29/Pay Request No. 8, Western Water System Improvements, Phase II Water Connector Lines (Blurton, Banks & Assoc.)-WEI, Sample, Hicks & Assoc., Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "N"
- (m) Request Approval of Change Order #2 for Motorized Actuator Valve, Western Water System Improvements, Phase II Water Connector Lines (Blurton, Banks & Assoc.)-WEI, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "O"
- (n) Request Street Department Budget Increase for Replacement of Old Agency Rd. Bridge-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "P"
- (o) Request Approval of Change Order #2, Old Agency Road Bridge Repair Project (Jordan Crane, Inc.)-WEI, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- (p) Request Approval of Public Officials' travel to MML Convention June 25-27, 2012

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

Alderman Smith	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 99702-99998 on claims docket dated March 28, 2012 be paid.

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

Alderman Smith	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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Alderman Smith	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 a personnel matter, continuing litigation, and potential litigation.

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

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

Alderman Smith	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 a personnel matter, continuing litigation, and potential litigation.

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

After discussion, during which no formal action was taken, Alderman Ramsey moved that the Board come out of executive session.

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

Alderman Smith	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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the first regular April 2012 meeting adjourned.