

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR APRIL 2012 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 17, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second 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.

At this time, the Mayor invited longtime employee, Ken Craft, to come forward in honor of his recent retirement from the position of Communications Supervisor for the City's Police Department. The Mayor congratulated and thanked him for his continuous service to the City for over 27 years.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the April 2, 2012 Work Session and the April 3, 2012 board 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 Gautier moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Zoning Matters
 - i. Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance-6537 Old Canton Road (Hernan Bermudez, Petitioner)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
 - ii. Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit-616 Ridgewood Road (David Ashley, Petitioner)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Site Plan/Architectural Review-Expansion of Existing Restaurant Building, Taqueria La Guadalupe, 6537 Old Canton Road (Hernan Bermudez)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Special Event Permit Applications-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
 - i. 5th Annual Township Jazz Festival, 05/05/12 (Kerioth Corporation)
 - ii. Pepsi Pops, 05/11/12 (MS Symphony Orchestra)
 - iii. Praise/Dance Extravaganza, 06/16/12 (Prince of Peace Ministries)
- (d) Accept Allstate Check for Insurance Claim (P296)/Request Budget Adjustment to Vehicle Expense (001-100-632)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Request Budget Transfers from 001-100-730 (Capital Machinery & Equip)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
 - i. \$3,500.00 to Uniforms (001-100-535) for Purchase of Uniforms-Clothing Allowance
 - ii. \$2,000.00 to Office Supplies (001-100-500) for purchase of Office Supplies
- (f) Request Authorization to Bid Rice Road Trailhead Improvements Project/Approve Project Agreement for Recreational Trails Program Funding (MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Request Authorization to Renew Master Cellular Service and Equipment Agreement (Cellular South, Inc. d/b/a C Spire Wireless)-Admin-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Accept 2011 Audit Report-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin 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 99999-100362 on claims docket dated April 13, 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 Ramsey moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an 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 closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss negotiation for the acquisition of real estate and a personnel matter.

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

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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 negotiation for the acquisition of real estate and a personnel matter.

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

CONTRACT NEGOTIATION/PROPERTY PURCHASE

Following discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding the acquisition of property located along the railroad, near W. Jackson Street and S.E. Madison Drive, currently leased by the City from Canadian National, Alderman Jones moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the purchase of said parcels. A copy of the letter from CN Business Development and Real Estate offering the sale of the property is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

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 declared the Motion carried.

CITY OF RIDGELAND CITY CLERK/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION APPOINTMENT/PAY GRADE

There next came for consideration the matter of appointing a City Clerk and Director of the City's Finance and Administration Department. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to appoint Paula W. Tierce to the position and further moved to set the salary at Pay Grade M15, Step 18.

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.

At this time, 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 of the action that was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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