

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR APRIL 2011 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 5, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular April 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, City Clerk David Overby, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. Alderman Chuck Gautier was absent.

The Mayor introduced Assistant Scout Leader Mark Griffin along with Boy Scouts Carter Griffin and Zack Willis of Troop 164 sponsored by Parkway Hills United Methodist Church. Scout Carter Griffin offered an invocation and Scout Zack Willis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, the Mayor congratulated Alderman Brian Ramsey for successfully completing training to receive the National League of Cities Bronze Certificate of Achievement in Leadership.

The Mayor announced that the City of Ridgeland is the first and only municipality in the State of Mississippi to be recognized by the Department of Environmental Quality as a member of its enHance Program and commended committee members Mike McCollum, Renee Buckner, Chris Ramsey, Ina Byrd, John Neal, and Sandra Monohan for their contributions to the success of the City's recycling and water conservation environmental enhancement projects.

The Mayor then thanked Ridgeland's elementary school students, their teachers, and Principal Marilyn Naron for participating in the Enhance Program Recycling Poster Contest which recognized three students with winning poster designs by displaying their artwork at various locations within the City. The Mayor congratulated and presented an award to third place winner Mateo Jacome and his teacher Ms. Nolting, second place winner Joelle Rouser and her teacher Ms. Gibson, and first place winner Kristopher Gilbert and his teacher Ms. Webb.

Next, the Mayor recognized and congratulated Police Officer Sam Howard for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of January 2011.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were furnished minutes from the March 22, 2011 Architectural Review Board meeting.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the March 15, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Hamlin moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Consider Resort Area Classification for Another Broken Egg Café (Gouras Restaurant Group, LLC)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Petition to Close and Vacate Certain Unimproved and Unused Alleys and Right-of-Ways, Dry Creek Commercial Park (Chris Crutcher)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Special Event Permit Applications-Police
 - i. 4th Annual Township Jazz Festival (Kerioth Corporation)
 - ii. KidFest! Ridgeland (Ridgeland Recreation & Parks)
 - iii. The Market at Veritas Arts & Crafts Sale (The Veritas School)
 - iv. Pepsi Pops (Mississippi Symphony Orchestra)
 - v. Heatwave Classic Triathlon (Ridgeland Recreation & Parks)Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Request Authorization to Operate Specific Vehicles as Unmarked-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"

- (e) Request Authorization for Mayor to Execute Amended Member Payment Agreement/Bozeman Road Pump Station & Old Canton Road Force Main Phase 2 Completion (Madison County Wastewater Authority)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Request Authorization for Mayor to Execute Amended Member Payment Agreement/Parkway East Project (Madison County Wastewater Authority)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011
 - i. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Bonds
 - ii. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Preliminary Official Statement
 Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Approve Purchase of Purple Creek Property-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids to Layout/Design and Print *Ridgeland Life* Magazine-Admin Community Affairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (j) Request Approval of Revised Employee Handbook-Admin Human Resources-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (k) Approve Resolution Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (l) Approve Award of Bid for Pear Orchard/Rice Road Intersection Improvements (Southern Rock, LLC)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (m) Request Approval of Change Order #6 for Western Water System Improvements, Phase I Water Mains (Blurton, Banks & Associates)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"
- (n) Accept Insurance Claim Check for Storm Damage to Traffic Signal/Budget Adjustment (001-201-576)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "N"
- (o) Adopt CDBG Resolution of Matching Funds-Recreation & Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "O"

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 91946-92329 with the exception of claim numbers 92091-92123 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated March 31, 2011 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder 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 Steen recused himself and left the boardroom to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 90572-90583 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated March 11, 2011 be paid and Claim Numbers 92091-92123 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated March 31, 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	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss matters of litigation.

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	Absent
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 litigation.

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

After discussion, Alderman Jones 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	Absent
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 2011 meeting adjourned.