

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR DECEMBER 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
DECEMBER 20, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular December 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.

At this time, the Mayor invited officials and volunteers from the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce and Little Caesar's Pizza to come forward and present Adam's Project Founder, Drew Malone, a check for funds jointly raised by the groups on Make A Difference Day. Mr. Malone thanked volunteers from the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce and Little Caesar's Pizza, along with Chamber Director Linda Bynum, Chamber President Eddie Hopper, and Make A Difference Day Chairman Robby Carr for the \$1,000 donation to Adam's Project for the City's proposed universal playground at Freedom Ridge Park.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the December 6, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Heard requested that item (c) Request Approval of Agreement to Provide Consulting Services for Legislative Matters/Governmental Relations (Cornerstone Government Affairs, LLC) be removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Ramsey moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Authorize Mayor to Sign MDA Grant Agreement establishing CMPDD as Grantee and Administrator of Grant Funds to Assist in the Revitalization of Fifty One Oak Place (MDA Asset Development Division)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) City Center/Rice Road NEPA Document Preparation-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
  - i. Approve Project Budget Increase of \$10,000 from Bond Funds
  - ii. Authorize Mayor to Enter Into Consulting Services Agreement (WEI)
- (d) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Longmeadow Ditch Project-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (e) Request Approval of Budget Increase of \$8,000 to 001-201-750 for Installation of Street Lights on Traffic Signal Poles at the Highway 51/Jackson Street Intersection-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (f) Request to Declare 2001 Buick Century as Surplus Property-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (g) Request to Declare Miscellaneous Inventory Items as Surplus Property-Fire-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (h) Request Approval of Nominee to Serve on the Community Awareness Committee as Ward 2 Appointee (Drew Malone)-Alderman Chuck Gautier, Community Affairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (i) Appoint Five Nominees for Selection Committee to Review Proposals and Determine Recommendation for Engineering Services Contract to Create Maps and Deeds for Colony Park Blvd-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
  - i. Alderman Scott Jones
  - ii. Alderman Ken Heard
  - iii. David Williams, P.E., City Engineer
  - iv. Mike McCollum, Public Works Dir.
  - v. David Overby, Finance & Admin Dir./City Clerk

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 then declared the Motion carried.

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT/  
CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, LLC**

There next came for consideration the matter of a proposal submitted by Cornerstone Government Affairs, LLC to provide professional consulting services regarding legislative matters and governmental relations. Alderman Jones moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into said agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Nay
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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**REVISED COMPENSATION  
PARCEL 57/OLD AGENCY WATER PROJECT**

Bobby Horton of Sample, Hicks, & Associates, the City's Acquisition Administrator, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding a request by Roderick and Angela Jones, Parcel 57 property owners, proposing revised compensation for the estimated value of an additional thirty (30) trees not included in the initial appraisal. A copy of Mr. Sample's memorandum is attached hereto as Exhibit "K".

After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to approve up to \$4,500.00 for the additional trees damaged as a result of the easement.

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.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 97607-97957 with the exception of claim numbers 97737-97747 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 16, 2011 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones 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 Ramsey moved that claim numbers 97737-97747 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated December 16, 2011 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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.

Next, Alderman-at-Large Gerald Steen submitted his resignation effective December 31, 2011 to assume his newly elected position of Supervisor representing Ward 3 in Madison County. Mayor McGee recognized Alderman Steen and commended him for his years of service to the City. Alderman Steen thanked everyone associated with the City including Department Heads and other City employees, fellow Aldermen, City Attorneys and the Mayor.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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