

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

The Mayor called the second regular January 2012 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, 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 James Gabriel. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor announced that the City of Ridgeland was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for its fiscal year 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Mayor presented the GFOA Certificate of Achievement, awarded the City for nineteen consecutive years, to David Overby, Director of Finance and Administration/City Clerk, and Ashley Burton, Deputy Director of Finance and thanked them for their work.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the January 3, 2012 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

GAELERIA THE SALON/SIGN APPEAL

There next came for consideration the matter of an appeal by Mrs. DeShea Dilmore regarding the Architectural Review Board's decision to deny proposed signage containing the logo of her business, Gaeleria The Salon, located on Highway 51 in 51 Place shopping center. The Community Development Department as well the Architectural Review Board denied the aforementioned sign permit determining that the artwork on the proposed sign is in violation of the City's Sign Regulations prohibiting signage with wording or pictures potentially offensive to the public. Alderman Gautier moved to accept the Architectural Review Board's decision to deny said permit for signage containing the proposed artwork. All related documents are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

Alderman-at-Large	Vacant
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Nay
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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) Adopt Resolution Requesting New Local and Private Legislation for Southeast Ridgeland Redevelopment Project-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Request Approval of Agreement for City Use of Facilities as Polling Places-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Declare City Hall Computer Equipment and Miscellaneous Office Equipment as Surplus Property-Administration/MIS-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"

- (e) Request to Declare GPS Tracking Device as Surplus Property-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “F”
- (f) Request to Declare Belgian Malinois “Robbie” as Surplus Property-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “G”
- (g) Request Approval of Budget Transfer to Repair Camera System-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “H”
- (h) Request Approval of Budget Transfer for Upgrades to Eleven (11) Air Packs-Fire-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “I”
- (i) Request Approval of Reappointments to Community Awareness Committee Administration/Community Affairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “J”
 - i. Shirley Gill (Alderman Kevin Holder, Ward 3)
 - ii. Dawn Hall (CAC Appointment, Education Representative)
- (j) Establish Just Compensation-Bridgewater Water Improvements Project (Sample, Hicks & Associates)-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “K”

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

Alderman-at-Large	Vacant
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 98104-98389 on claims docket dated January 13, 2012 be paid.

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

Alderman-at-Large	Vacant
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.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY CLERK

Following recent notification to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by Mr. David Overby of his resignation from the position of City Clerk and Director of the City’s Finance and Administration Department, came the necessary matter of affirming an appointment to serve as Interim City Clerk and approving a pay grade for the Interim position.

Alderman Heard moved to affirm Mrs. Paula Tierce as Interim City Clerk and to approve Pay Grade M11 for said position.

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

Alderman-at-Large	Vacant
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.

At this time, the Mayor and Board thanked Mr. Overby for all of his contributions to the City's overall financial management and wished him future success in his new position. Mr. Overby thanked the Mayor and Board for having given him the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the past 12 years and also noted that it had been a pleasure working with them on various projects.

ADJOURNMENT

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