

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR JANUARY 2011 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
JANUARY 18, 2011  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular January 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 Mayor introduced Assistant Scout Masters Andrew Grady and Jonathan Viola along with Boy Scouts Benton Parker, Bruce Senter, Stuart Grady, and William Viola of Troop 1 sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church. Scout Benton Parker offered an invocation and Scout Stuart Grady led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor announced that for the eighteenth consecutive year, the City of Ridgeland was awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting recently for its fiscal year 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Mayor then presented David Overby, Director of Finance and Administration/City Clerk, with the GFOA Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

The Mayor recognized and congratulated Police Officer Hunt Johnson for being selected as the Police Department's "Officer of the Month" for the month of November 2010.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Morris Hammond and Pat Busby, Wheatley Place residents, for the improvements they made to their subdivision entrance sign.

Next, the Mayor recognized and thanked Jim Collette and Richard Falls for the improvements they made to the Village Glen entrance sign.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were furnished financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2010.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**POPEYE'S/REQUEST EXCEPTION TO NORTH PARK OVERLAY DISTRICT  
TRADE DRESSING REQUIREMENTS**

Next came the matter of a request for an exception to trade dressing requirements for the renovation of a restaurant located on E. County Line Road within Northpark Overlay District. Popeye's requested approval of a specific color, other than one of the District's guideline colors, for repainting the restaurant's expansive exterior awnings. Alderman Gautier moved to deny said request. Copies of documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey 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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**BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MS/RENEW HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACT**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Human Resources Director to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS with no increase in fees for the plan year February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 for network rental and benefit administration of the City of Ridgeland employee health plan. Following discussion by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Gautier moved to approve renewal of the contract for the upcoming plan year. A copy of a memorandum from Paula Tierce, Human Resources Director, is attached hereto as "B".

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.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Aldermen Gautier and Ramsey requested that item (b) Special Event Permit Applications, ii. Dragon Boat Regatta (Madison County Chamber) be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate vote. Alderman Gautier moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Petition to Close and Vacate a Portion of Evergreen Street (New Vision Ridgeland Hotel, LLC)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (b) Special Event Permit Applications-Police
  - i. Make a Difference 5K Run/Walk (SouthGroup Insurance Services) Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Request Approval of BankPlus as 2011-2012 City Depository-Admin-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (d) Human Resources Requests
  - ii. Renew Reinsurance Coverage Contract with American Fidelity
  - iii. Enter into Agreement with American Fidelity for Specific Laser Treatment
  - iv. Approve Fixed Cost for Employee Health Plan Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (e) Request Authorization to Transfer Dental Insurance Coverage to Delta Dental-Human Resources-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (f) Request Authorization to Renew three (3) year Flexible Benefit Cafeteria Plan with Southern Administrators beginning 02/01/2011-Human Resources-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (g) Amend City of Ridgeland Drug & Alcohol Policy to include additional drug for drug testing purposes-Human Resources-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (h) Request Approval of Hemphill Construction Change Order #3/White Oak Creek Sewer Project-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (i) Request Approval of Alternate B/Lake Harbour Drive Extension Project-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (j) Request to Declare Property as Surplus-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (k) Police Department Requests
  - i. Budget Transfer/Reimbursement from OJP Bulletproof Vest Program
  - ii. Budget Amendment/Sale of Two (2) Surplus Patrol Cars
  - iii. Budget Amendment/Insurance Claim
  - iv. Budget Transfer/Purchase vehicle for Narcotics Task Force Detective

- v. Budget Amendment/Radio Tower  
Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"
- (l) Request to Declare Vehicle as Surplus Property/P235-Police-Order attached hereto as  
Exhibit "N"
- (m) Fire Department Requests
  - i. Budget Amendment/Training Reimbursement
  - ii. Budget Amendment/Various Accounts
 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	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**DRAGON BOAT REGATTA/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUEST**

There next came for consideration the matter of an application filed by Kasey Perry, Madison County Chamber of Commerce, requesting a Special Event Permit to hold the annual Dragon Boat Regatta at Old Trace Park.

Aldermen Gautier and Ramsey, committee members for the Dragon Boat Special Event, recused themselves and left the boardroom to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Alderman Steen moved to approve said special event permit request. Documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "P".

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	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Aldermen Gautier and Ramsey returned to the meeting.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 90433-90720 with the exception of claim numbers 90572-90583 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 14, 2011 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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 90572-90583 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 14, 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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 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 negotiation of real property and potential litigation.

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

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin 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.

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 of real property and potential litigation.

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

Woody Sample, the City's Acquisition Administrator, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding just compensation for parcels 43, 45, 46, 47, and 50 for implementation of White Oak Creek sewer project. Property owners presented counter offers above the appraisal-based compensation initially offered by the City for the easements. Additionally, the property owners requested one (1) sewer connection per parcel at no charge as part of the agreement.

Alderman Hamlin moved to approve the original compensation offered by the City for the easements as well as one (1) sewer connection for each parcel at no charge.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Holder 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.

Next, Mr. Sample presented information regarding compensation for a revised permanent and temporary easement across the Brown property, Parcel 37/White Oak Creek sewer project.

Alderman Ramsey moved to approve the City's offer of \$3,805.00 for the revised permanent and temporary easement and to provide four (4) sewer connections.

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.

Mr. Sample then presented a request from Ms. Kaye Kyung Soo Lee, Parcel 55/White Oak Creek sewer project for the City to provide three (3) sewer connections as part of her agreement.

Alderman Hamlin moved to approve the City's offer of \$15,398 compensation for the easements and to provide two (2) of the requested sewer connections at this time and one (1) additional sewer connection when right-of-ways are acquired.

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.

Copies of memorandums from Woody Sample, Acquisition Administrator, related to the abovementioned parcels are attached hereto as Exhibit "Q".

Next, Alderman Ramsey moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen come out of executive session.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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.

The meeting was reopened, whereupon, the Mayor informed the public of the action taken during executive session.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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