

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR JANUARY 2010 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
JANUARY 19, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular January 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were 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 Attorney Jerry Mills and City Clerk David Overby. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished financial statements for the periods ending October 31, 2009 and November 30, 2009.

The Mayor announced that for the sixteenth year that the City of Ridgeland was recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its fiscal year 2008 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Mayor then presented David Overby, Director of Finance and Administration/City Clerk with the GFOA Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the 12/15/09; 12/18/09; and 01/05/10 meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**ST. DOMINIC HOSPITAL**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting a resolution in support of St. Dominic Hospital's Certificate of Need Application to expand its hospital into Madison County. After discussion, Alderman Hamlin moved to take the matter under advisement.

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.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- (a) Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Housing Demolition (13) on Lake Harbour Drive-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Approve Proposal from Aquaterra Engineering for Asbestos Monitoring-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Waggoner Engineering Inc.'s Proposal/Traffic Signal @ Jackson and Perkins Streets-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"

- (d) Energy Grant Application/Request for Approval-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Beautification Committee Appointments:  
 Alderman Heard-Lea Anne Stacy, 170 Meadowlark Lane  
 Alderman Holder-Peg Harris-205 East Ford Street

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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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 82199-82465 with the exception of claim numbers 82330-82344 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 19, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard 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.

At this time, Alderman Steen left the meeting because of potential conflict.

Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 82330-82344 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated January 19, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin 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.

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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 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 declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss negotiation of real property.

Alderman Gautier moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen go into executive session to discuss acquisition and negotiations to acquire property on the Lake Harbour Drive Widening project, West Waterline project and the White Oak Sewer project.

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 then 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 and acquisition of real property.

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

After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to increase the damages by \$900.00 on compensation for the acquisition of a permanent and temporary easement located on Kelly Dabb's property, which is necessary for implementation of the Lake Harbour Drive Widening project, making the total offer \$10,000. A copy of correspondence related to this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit "E"

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 then declared the Motion carried.

Next, Alderman Steen moved to accept Mr. Woody Sample's recommendation to add \$580.00 to the offer of \$4,758.00 for the permanent easement across Ms. Lula Grisham's property located on Old Agency Road, Parcel 105. A copy of Mr. Sample's recommendation is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard 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.

Then, Alderman Hamlin moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a Revised and Amended Easement for property that was previously purchased by the City from Mr. Charles E. Hughes for the White Oak Creek Sewer project. A copy of said document is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

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 moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen come out of 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 then declared the Motion carried.

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

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**HEALTH CARE COVERAGE**

After an explanation by the City Clerk and the Human Resources Director, Alderman Jones moved to authorize the City to enter into a contract with American Fidelity, the re-insurer for the City’s Health Care coverage with a premium increase of six percent (6%) and a \$325,000 laser for one participant who has an identified health issue.

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE**, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Gene F. McGee, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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David Overby, City Clerk