

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

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

At this time, the Mayor invited Judy Gaddy, Cool Water Café & Catering Manager, along with John Kirk, Vice-President of Jackie's International, to come forward and present Adam's Project Founders, Drew and Angie Malone, with a \$500.00 donation of the proceeds from a recent fundraiser event hosted by Cool Water Café specifically for the proposed Adam's Project playground. Mr. and Mrs. Malone expressed their appreciation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the City's support of the proposed fully accessible playground project.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the June 7, 2011 and June 21, 2011 meetings 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) Site/Architectural Plan for Storefront at Renaissance at Colony Park (Brooks Brothers)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Special Event Permit Request-Bean Bag Toss Tournament, 07/08/11 (Burgers and Blues)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Accept Reimbursement Check of \$900.00 from State of Mississippi for Police Academy Training/Budget Adjustment to 001-100-681 (Training)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Request Budget Transfer of \$314.50 from 001-000-272 (Misc. Grants) to 001-100-730 (Capital Machinery & Equip)/Reimbursement from OJP Bulletproof Vest Program-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Request Authorization to Advertise for Term Bids-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids to Replace Bridge over White Oak Creek on Old Agency Road-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Request Authorization to Renew Two (2) Year Contract with Spraymax (Edko, LLC) for Herbicide Spraying of City Ditches and Highland Colony Parkway-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Jackson Street Parking Lot Landscape Maintenance-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Request Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Harbor Drive Landscape Maintenance-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE EASEMENT ACQUISITIONS FOR PARCELS 43, 45, 46, 47, AND 50/WHITE OAK CREEK SEWER PROJECT**

Next, the City’s Acquisition Administrator, Woody Sample, and James Gabriel, City Attorney, reviewed information concerning ongoing negotiations with property owners to acquire easements on parcels 43, 45, 46, 47, and 50 for implementation of the White Oak Creek sewer project. The attorney representing the property owners of said parcels responded with a counter offer in the amount of \$37,560 and included a previous stipulation for the City to provide one (1) sewer connection per parcel at no charge as a condition of the easement agreements.

Alderman Steen moved to approve increasing compensation for the aforementioned parcels to \$28,560 with the requested sewer connections and further moved to authorize Mr. Gabriel to negotiate compensation up to \$31,560 rather than incur the expense of an eminent domain suit.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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 94080-94361 with the exception of claim numbers 94190-94204 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated July 1, 2011 be paid.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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 Jones moved that claim numbers 94190-94204 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated July 1, 2011 be paid.

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

Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**STREET OVERLAY BUDGET**

Next for consideration came the matter of scheduled street overlay and general street maintenance. Alderman Gautier moved to increase the street overlay budget \$300,000 this fiscal year in order to purchase asphalt at current prices.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Absent
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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**ADJOURNMENT**

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