

**FIRST REGULAR MARCH 2010 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
MARCH 2, 2010  
6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular March 2010 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 announced that Boy Scouts from Troop 18 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and Girl Scouts from American Heritage Girls Troop 1029 were in attendance, whereupon, he introduced the following Boy Scouts: Harrison Creath, Holt Crews, Clark Massey, Jack McBride, Harrison Moore, Peyton Parker, Thomas Phillips, Whit Ramsey, Grant Robinson, Alex Russell, Rhodes Skelton, Carruth Smith, Daniel Teh, Noah Tidwell, Daniel Trussell, Carl Upton, Tyler Wann, Gene Wood; and the following Girl Scouts, Hannah Friedeman, Anna Grace Kelly and Sarah Beth Wilkins.

Next, Boy Scout Rhodes Skelton offered the invocation and Girl Scout Hannah Friedeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor then asked Police Chief Jimmy Houston to come forward and presented him with a "Certificate of Accreditation" award from the MS Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of the minutes from the February 23, 2010 meeting of the Architectural Review Board.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the February 16, 2010 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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**WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by Mrs. Vicki Bishop to adjust her water utility account for 307 Pear Orchard Circle. After recommendations from the City Attorney and the Public Works Department, Alderman Heard moved to deny said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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.

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**AMENDMENTS TO 2006 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an ordinance to make certain amendments, substitutions, deletions and changes to the 2006 Property Maintenance Code. Alderman Ramsey moved to accept the recommendation of the Community Development Director and adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk’s office and is located in Ordinance Book #8.

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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**TOBACCO POLICY**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting a Tobacco Policy for the employees of the City of Ridgeland. After discussion, Alderman Steen moved to table the matter for 30 days.

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.

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**SITE PLAN/51 PLACE REDEVELOPMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a site plan for 51 Place Development, a shopping center located on Highway 51. Alderman Jones moved to approve the site plan with the conditions listed in the Community Development Director’s recommendation attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

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

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) Recovery Zone Facility Bond Resolution-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (b) Site Plan: Wilson Sportsplex-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Code Enforcement/Cancel & Reset Hearing Date (April 6, 2010)
  - i. 511 Christine Drive
  - ii. 243 N. Wheatley Street
- (d) Applications for Special Event Permits-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
  - i. Wesley Chapel Student Ministry Bicycle Ride
  - ii. Adam's Project, Inc. Easter Egg Hunt/Waive Fees
  - iii. Shucker's Annual Crawfish Boil
  - iv. Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta/Waive Fees
- (e) Budget Amendment/Transfer-Computer System Upgrades-Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Request to Declare Property Surplus/Fire Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Budget Amendment/Library Sewer Repair-City Clerk-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Consider Bid Award/Western Water System Improvement Phase I-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (i) Utility Service Contract for Tank Repairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (j) Disposal of Surplus Property (incidental)/Lake Harbour Drive Widening Project-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (k) Street Maintenance Policy-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (l) Community Awareness Committee/Reappoint Elizabeth Barber, 769 Oakmont Boulevard (Alderman Hamlin's Appointee)
- (m) Interlocal Agreement Between Madison County and the City of Ridgeland Regarding the Funding of Lake Harbour Road-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"

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 83097-83340 with the exception of claim numbers 83194-83204 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated March 2, 2010 be paid.

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.

At this time Alderman Steen left the meeting.

Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 83194-83204 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated March 2, 2010 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard 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 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 closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss acquisition of real property and potential litigation.

Alderman Hamlin moved that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to into 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 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 acquisition of real property and potential litigation.

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

After Woody Sample, the City's Acquisition Administrator, addressed the Mayor and Board regarding just compensation for rights-of way needed for the implementation of certain projects, the following actions were taken.

Alderman Heard moved to increase just compensation to \$3,600.00 for .023 acres of Darlene Grantham's property, Parcel 2W, which is needed for the implementation of the traffic light at Pear Orchard Road and Rice Road project.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gauthier 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 Hamlin moved to offer Wilson Investment, LLC up to \$6,200.00 for .014 acres of right-of-way necessary for the implementation of the Lake Harbour Drive project.

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.

Alderman Jones moved to approve just compensation in the amount of \$42,002.24 to LH Club Realty, LLC, Parcel 64 W&T located on Lake Harbour Drive, for .011 acres of right-of-way; .100 acres of temporary easement; sign replacement; and certain landscaping.

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.

Copies of memorandums to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from Mr. Woody Sample regarding the above acquisition of rights-of way are attached hereto as Exhibit "N".

Alderman Holder stated that it is in the best interest of the City to declare the Powell rental house on Wheatley Street, Parcel 29, as surplus and then moved to give Mr. Robert Powell until May 1, 2010 to demolish the house and remove all materials from the site; and that Mr. Powell shall maintain liability insurance to protect the City during the period of demolition.

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.

Alderman Steen moved that the Board 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 then declared the Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the first regular March 2010 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