

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR MAY 2011 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
MAY 3, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

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

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE AND AWARD OF
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF
FIVE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,825,000);
AND A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF,
EXECUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT PERTAINING TO
THE FIVE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$5,825,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011, OF
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting resolutions directing the sale and award of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011 and authorizing an official statement in connection with the sale. After adjudication by the City Clerk that the sale of said bonds had been advertised as required by state law, four (4) sealed proposals were opened and read aloud for subsequent presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Representatives from Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens, & Cannada, PLLC, acting as Bond Counsel, and Government Consultants, Inc., Financial Advisor to the City, reviewed the proposals and provided opinion on the best and most advantageous bid for consideration by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Jones moved to accept the recommendation of Demery Grubbs, Government Consultants, Inc., to adopt a resolution awarding the sale of the general obligation bonds to Morgan Keegan & Company, being the lowest and best bidder, at the rate of 3.355759%.

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next, Alderman Jones moved to approve and adopt the form of the Official Statement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and distribute said statement in substantially the same form.

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Copies of related documents are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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) Consider Ordinance Amending Sign Regulations-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Special Event Permit Request-Motorcycle Show and Fundraiser for Central MS Boys and Girls Clubs (Gattitown)-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Request Approval of ODP Homeland Security Grant Award and Grant Recipient Agreement-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Approve Award of Bid to Layout/Design and Print *Ridgeland Life* Magazine (Hederman Brothers)-Admin Community Affairs-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (e) Accept Donation Check from MRYC for Scoreboards at Wolcott Quad/Budget Amendment-Parks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Accept Insurance Claim Check for Damage to Traffic Signal/Budget Adjustment-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (g) Agreement with Andrew Mattiace to pay guarantee on County Line TIF-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
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 Steen moved that claim numbers 92662-92916 with the exception of claim numbers 92750-92760 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated May 2, 2011 be paid.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
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 92750-92760 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated May 2, 2011 be paid.

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

Alderman Steen	Absent
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
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.

RESIGNATION/POLICE CHIEF

At this time, Chief Jimmy R. Houston, Sr. came forward to formally notify the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of his resignation from his position as Police Chief for the City's Police Department with an effective date and time of May 10, 2011, 5:00 p.m. Chief Houston thanked the Mayor and Board for having given him the opportunity to serve the public in this capacity for the past 8 years and 10 months while working for an outstanding organization.

Alderman Jones moved to accept the Police Chief's resignation, a copy of which is 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	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

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	Absent
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 personnel matters and contract negotiation.

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

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	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 personnel matters and contract negotiation.

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

CONTRACT NEGOTIATION/PROPERTY PURCHASES

Alan Hart, Community Development Director, discussed proposed amendments to land purchase contracts in which the City entered for the purpose of acquiring two (2) separately owned, adjacent properties. Proposed amendments would reduce the original contract purchase price of property owned by Tecspan Concrete Structures, LLC by \$25,000 and property owned by Jackson Ready Mix by \$3,000. In exchange for said price reductions, the City would incur the costs of property cleanup necessary to remediate environmental issues referenced in Phase II of the Environmental Assessment report for each property.

Alderman Jones moved to authorize proceeding with proposed contract amendments and to authorize proceeding with the purchase.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Following discussion of an Interim Police Chief appointment, next came the matter of affirming the appointment and approving a pay grade and step for the Interim position.

Alderman Ramsey moved to affirm Randy Tyler as Interim Police Chief and to approve Pay Grade M13, Step 23 for said position.

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye
Alderman Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

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

Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Absent
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.

ADJOURNMENT

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