

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

The Mayor called the second regular October 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 meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized Mr. Jay McArthur, Director of the Ridgeland High School Titan Band, along with band members from the school's senior class for receiving superior ratings in recent competitions and commended their dedication as they prepare to defend their 2010 Class 5A Finals Championship title of Overall 1st Place in the upcoming 2011 State Marching Band Competition. The Mayor congratulated Mr. McArthur's accomplishments and acknowledged band members individually as they came forward to receive a City of Ridgeland lapel pin.

The Mayor then recognized Mr. Michael D. Kent, Superintendent of Education for Madison County School District, and announced that the City of Ridgeland desired to honor him for his many years of leadership and outstanding service to the school district as well as his active participation with educational boards and special committees at the State level. The Mayor presented Mr. Kent with a Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor along with a Key to the City as a means of thanks and gratitude as he leaves his office of Superintendent to continue his career serving in public education. The Mayor commended Mr. Kent's diligence through challenges which leave the district with lower tax rates, growth during an economic slump, and one of the top performing school districts in the State.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the September 20, 2011, September 26, 2011, and October 4, 2011 meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Ramsey moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Architectural Review-Revised Site/Architectural Plan for Building Renovation, 224 Highway 51 (Mattress Firm)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- (b) Architectural Review-Site/Architectural Plan for Storefront at Renaissance at Colony Park (Al's Tailoring)-Community Development, Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Request Authorization to enter MOU with CMPDD and Fifty One Oak Place for CMPDD Pursuit of Grant Funds/Authorize Mayor to Sign MOU (MDA Retail Center Revitalization)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Request Budget Transfer for Delayed Receipt of Computers/Related Equipment Ordered to Replace Outdated Models (FY '11 Capital Outlay to FY '12 Capital Machinery & Equip)-Community Development-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (e) Special Event Permit Applications-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
 - i. Township Annual Fall Festival, 10/29/11 (Kerioth Corporation)
 - ii. MS Jingle Bell Ride for Arthritis-Bike Tour on Natchez Trace, 12/10/11 (Arthritis Foundation of MS, SE Region)
 - iii. 5K Run/Walk, 04/28/12 (The Nature Conservancy of MS)
- (f) Request Budget Transfer/Reimbursement from OJP Bulletproof Vest Program-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Request Consent of Assignment Agreement for Red River's transfer of Recycling Pickup Services to Waste Management (Red River Service Corp., Waste Management of MS, Inc.) Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"

- (h) Request Approval of Proposal for SCADA Systems Upgrade Contract/Authorize Mayor to sign Contract (Control Systems, Inc.)-Public Works-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Request to Declare Computer, Telephone, and Other Miscellaneous Office Equipment as Surplus Property-Admin-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (j) Reappoint Peggy Gauthe to Community Awareness Committee-Mayor-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (k) Request Approval of Radio System Update or Relocation of Existing System to Tower for Necessary Radio Coverage/Request Budget Transfer-Police-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (l) Request Authorization for Mayor to Sign Documents Related to TIGER Grant Funds-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Steen moved that claim numbers 96268-96574 with the exception of claim numbers 96416-96425 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated October 14, 2011 be paid.

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.

Alderman Steen recused himself and left the boardroom to avoid any perception of impropriety.

Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 96416-96425 (Fuelman of MS) on claims docket dated October 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.

Alderman Steen returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Gautier moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an 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	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 qualifications for a professional services contract.

Alderman Heard 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	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 qualifications for a professional services contract.

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

After discussion, during which no formal action was taken, Alderman Ramsey 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 declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened, whereupon, the Mayor informed the public that no action was taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

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