

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 13, 2009
3:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to notice of a special meeting the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi convened at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2009, in the board room of City Hall. The Mayor and all Aldermen were present. The Mayor called the meeting to order and ascertained that notice had been served on all members as required by law. The City Clerk was directed to cause the notice together with the returns be made a part of these minutes and attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Further, it was ascertained that Notice of the Special meeting had been given in the time and manner provided for by Section 25-41-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, a copy of the notice given is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Mayor McGee announced that the purpose of the joint meeting between the Ridgeland and Madison Boards of Aldermen was to seek information and determine courses of action caused by the reduction of each City's road and bridge tax funds because Madison County reduced the millage to be paid into the road and bridge tax fund.

Supervisors D. I. Smith and John Bell Crosby were available at the meeting and responded to a number of questions presented by the Mayors and the various members of the boards. Both the budget and the tax levy have been adopted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors. There doesn't appear to be any way to have a special meeting prior to September 15, 2009 for the purpose of asking the Board of Supervisors to increase the millage or make the cities whole for the lost revenues from the road and bridge tax.

The Supervisors noted that the millage has changed for various county functions yearly and neither noticed that this was a reduction that would affect the cities. Both acknowledge that it would have been better had the cities been advised of these reductions prior to this late date.

At the end of discussion, Alderman Gautier moved that the City of Ridgeland request the Madison County Board of Supervisors to apply 3.76 mills to the road and bridge fund to increase the amount received by the cities to the amount anticipated or to apply other funds for the use of the city that would produce the same amount of revenue as had been anticipated on the collection of 3.76 mills. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Hamlin and the vote was 7-0.

After the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Madison adopted the same resolution, Alderman Gautier moved that Mayor McGee and Mayor Butler prepare a request for proposals and a scope of services for a financial consultant to review the amount of taxes the county collects within the Cities of Ridgeland and Madison and the amount of services returned to the cities by the county. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ramsey and the vote was 7-0.

After Madison adopted a similar resolution, there being no further business to come before the joint meeting of the Boards of Aldermen, Mayor McGee declared the September 13, 2009 special meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of September 2009.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Overby, City Clerk