

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR AUGUST 2007 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
AUGUST 21, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular August 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Gerald Steen, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney James Gabriel. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of financial statements for the months of June and July; minutes of the July 19, 2007 and August 9, 2007 Zoning Board meetings, minutes of the August 9, 2007 Architectural Review Board meeting; and a new business license list for the month of July.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the August 7, 2007 meeting. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

PUBLIC HEARING/FY2008 TAXING & SPENDING PLAN

There next came for consideration the matter of conducting a public hearing regarding the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget of the City of Ridgeland for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised in the Madison County Journal, as required by state law, on August 9, 2007 and August 16, 2007. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". At this time, the City Clerk came forward, thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and Department Heads for their input and cooperation during the budget process, and gave a brief synopsis of the FY2008 proposed budget, and stated that a 1% COLA raise for the city employees and \$50,000 for an air conditioner for the Police Department had been added. Then, the Mayor announced that no one had signed in to speak and asked those present if anyone would like to come forward and ask questions or make comments. There being no response, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed and announced that the budget would be voted on at the first regular meeting in September.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Davis moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Site Plan/Oak Place Shopping Center-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (b) Barnes Property/Woody Sample-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (c) Development & Reimbursement Agreement/Lake Harbour Crossing Investments LLC-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (d) Lemarka LLC-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
 - i. Petition for Special Exception & Conditional Use Permit
 - ii. Site Plan
- (e) Renaissance at Colony Park LLC/Request to Withdraw Petition-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (f) Cleaning of Private Property/Set Public Hearing 07/18/07-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
 - i. 324 North Wheatley Street

- ii. 7049 Old Canton Road (Jake's Seafood)
- (g) Lake Harbour Drive Widening/Environmental Assessment-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (h) Budget Transfer/Community Development Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (i) Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption-Resident of MS Serving on Active Duty in Iraq or Afghanistan-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (j) Police Department Matters-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
 - i. Unmarked Cars
 - ii. Budget Amendments
 - (a) Office Space Renovation
 - (b) Forensic Video Analysis
 - (c) Forensic Light Source & Copier
 - (d) Thinkstream
 - (e) ID 2500 Live Scan Fingerprint System
 - (f) Surplus Items
 - (g) Municipal Court Filing System, Imaging System, Copier
 - (h) Clothing Allowance/Scott Young
- (k) Term Bids/October 1, 2007-September 30, 2008-On file in City Clerk's Office
- (l) Budget Amendment/Health & Welfare Budget-Purchase of Mosquito Spray-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 62703 through 62990 with the exception of claim number 62741 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated August 21, 2007 be paid.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

At this time Alderman Roberts left the meeting because his wife is employed by Cellular South.

Alderman Gautier moved that claim number 62741 on claims docket dated August 21, 2007 (Cellular South) be paid.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Heard moved that the meeting be closed to determine the necessity for an executive session.

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was closed and discussion followed regarding the necessity of going into executive session to discuss certain litigation.

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

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

Alderman Davis	Aye
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	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 certain litigation.

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

Aldermen Davis left the meeting at 7:15.

After discussion, Alderman Jones moved to that the Board come out of executive session.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
Alderman Steen	Aye
Alderman Heard	Aye
Alderman Gautier	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk