

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR DECEMBER 2006 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
DECEMBER 5, 2006
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor Pro Tempore (Pro Tem) called the first regular December 2006 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Steen, Alderman Linda Davis, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney James Gabriel. Mayor Gene F. McGee and Alderman Chuck Gautier were 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 November 21, 2006 meeting. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING

There next came for consideration the matter of a scheduled code enforcement hearing for property located at 330 Pear Orchard Circle and owned by Robbie Hayes regarding said property's state of uncleanliness. The Community Development Director asked that the hearing be cancelled because the property owner has made the improvements requested by the Building Inspector. Alderman Holder moved to cancel said hearing.

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

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

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

AERIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Ridgeland and Metro One, LLC regarding the City's participation in an Aerial Law Enforcement Program. After Captain Randy Tyler explained how beneficial the program would be to the Police Department, Alderman Davis moved to authorize entering into said MOU, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL RECEIVING & HOUSING AGREEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of entering into an agreement with the Mississippi Animal Rescue League (MARL) regarding animal shelter facilities for the humane care and housing of lost, stray and unwanted animals. Alderman Jones moved to enter into the agreement a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

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	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Nay
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

WAL-MART DONATION/FIRE DEPARTMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Fire Chief for approval to accept a \$1250.00 donation to the Ridgeland Fire Department from Wal-Mart as part of the Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant in support of local Police, Fire, Rescue, and EMS organization to help keep neighborhoods and communities safe; and that the money be added to the department's Fire Promotions account. Alderman Jones moved to grant said requests.

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

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

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

BULL DOZER BID AWARD

There next came for consideration the matter of award of bid for a bull dozer for the Public Works Department. Alderman Jones moved to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director and award the bid to Lyle Machinery in the amount of \$73, 179.00 for a Komatsu D37PX-21, being the lowest and best bid. Copies of Certification of Low Bid and the bid tabulation are attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem 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 57211 through 57471 with the exception of claim numbers 57243, 57244, and 57245 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated December 15, 2006 be paid.

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

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

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

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

Alderman Davis moved that claims numbers 57243, 57244, and 57245 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated December 15, 2006 be paid.

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	Absent
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor Pro Tem then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor Pro Tem and the Board, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the first regular December 2006 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of December 2006.

Gerald Steen, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk