

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR JANUARY 2007 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
JANUARY 2, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular January 2007 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 Larry Roberts, Alderman Scott Jones, City Clerk David W. Overby, and City Attorney James Gabriel. Alderman Linda Davis was absent. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished financial statements for the periods ending October 31, 2006 and November 30, 2006.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the December 19, 2006 meeting. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

SUNDAY BUSINESS HOURS

There next came for consideration the matter of changing Sunday business hours to 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on a permanent basis beginning with the New Year. After discussion, Alderman Steen moved to approve extending said hours from 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m.

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

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

There being a tie vote, the Mayor voted Nay and then declared the Motion failed.

Alderman Heard moved to approve adopting an ordinance to amend Section 22-71 Sunday Sales Hours of the Code of the City of Ridgeland to allow retail or wholesale Sunday sales from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. A copy of the ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Human Resources Manager for the Mayor and Board to accept a proposal from CompBenefits Insurance Company for employee dental insurance. Alderman Steen moved to grant said request with the two (2) year rate guarantee. Copies of documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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.

DRAPER TON MASTER PLAN

There next came for consideration the matter of a recommendation from the Community Development Director and the Public Works Director to approve the Draper ton master site plan for a commercial development proposed to be located at Brame Road and Highland Colony Parkway. Alderman Steen moved to accept the recommendation contingent upon review and approval by the Architectural Review Board and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen prior to the construction of each building. A copy of the recommendation is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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.

2006 BUILDING CODE AMENDMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an ordinance to modify the International Residential Code allowing for lesser standards for large scale residential projects in respect to various railing requirements. Alderman Jones moved to adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”.

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

Alderman Davis	Absent
Alderman Steen	Aye

Alderman Heard	Nay
Alderman Gautier	Nay
Alderman Holder	Nay
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

There being a tie vote, the Mayor voted Aye and then declared the Motion carried.

OLDE TOWNE DEVELOPMENT/ALLEY CLOSURE

There next came for consideration the matter of a recommendation by the Community Development Director that the Mayor and Board adopt an ordinance closing the alley of Block 45 between lots 4 through 10 and lots 12 through 20; and to close the north half of the alley along lots 1 through 3. Alderman Steen moved to adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

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.

EPA/SEWER REHABILITATION GRANT AWARD/EPA-EMCSDA LETTER AGREEMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Public Works Department to authorize the Mayor to negotiate contracts with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for professional services for the EPA Sewer Rehabilitation project; and for East Madison County Regional Sewer. Alderman Gautier moved to grant said request. Copies of documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Heard 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.

WESTERN WATER & SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Public Works Director for the Board of Aldermen to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for professional services to update the facilities plan of

water and sewer infrastructure West of I-55 and for the preparation of the State Revolving Fund loan applications. Alderman Steen moved to grant said request. A copy of the Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Agreement for the Western Water System Improvements project is attached as Exhibit "G".

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES/WATER & SEWER FACILITIES

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Public Works Director for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approve the public notice publication required by the EPA, Mississippi State Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency for the water and sewer facilities west of I-55 and categorical exclusion determination for East Madison County Regional Sewer. Alderman Gautier moved to grant the request. A copy of said request is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones 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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 57841 through 58076 with the exception of claim numbers 57897 and 57898 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated January 2, 2007 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen 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.

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

Alderman Heard moved that claim numbers 57897 and 57898 on claims docket dated January 2, 2007 be paid.

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Gautier 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	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board, the Mayor declared the first regular January meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of January 2007.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk