

**FIRST REGULAR MARCH 2008 MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
MARCH 4, 2008  
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular March 2008 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 Jerry Mills. 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 February 19, 2008 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of the minutes from the December 6, 2007 and February 26, 2008 Zoning Board meetings.

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**RIDGELAND AREA MASTER PLAN**

At this time, the Community Development Director introduced Mark Irby, a Master Plan Steering Committee member, who came forward and congratulated the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for committing to the Master Plan that was developed to be used as an instrument to help guide positive growth and economic development in the City of Ridgeland. Next, Mr. Irby read a letter submitted by Susan Haltom, chairman of the Steering Committee, asking the Mayor and Board to contact the committee members with their input, comments, and concerns as to how the Plan affects the citizens in each of their wards. A copy of the Mrs.'s Haltom's letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Next, Alderman Steen moved to accept the Community Development Director's recommendation to set the public hearing for the Ridgeland Area Master Plan for March 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Ridgeland High School Cafetorium. A copy of said recommendation 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	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**CHRIS CRUTCHER SELF STORAGE SITE PLAN**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an ordinance approving and granting application for a dimensional variance in regard to a petition filed by Chris Crutcher for property located on Christopher Cove. Alderman Steen moved to adopt said ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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.

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**GALLAGHER’S PASS/FINAL PLAT**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving the final plat for Gallagher’s Pass, a subdivision to be located on Rice Road. Alderman Jones moved to accept the recommendations of the Public Works Director and the Director of Community Development and approve the plat. A copy of the abovementioned recommendations is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”.

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.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING/2 O’CLOCK BAYOU**

There next came for consideration the matter of a recommendation by the Community Development Director to cancel the hearing scheduled for this meeting regarding the state of uncleanliness of 2 O’Clock Bayou located at 810 Lake Harbour Drive. Alderman Steen moved to accept said recommendation because the property has now been cleaned.

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.

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**INTERSTATE DIGITAL BILLBOARDS**

There next came for consideration the matter of a proposal by Lamar Signs regarding the demolition, relocation and new construction of certain billboards in the City of Ridgeland. After discussion, Alderman Davis moved to reject the proposal, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

Alderman Steen made a Substitute Motion to table the matter until the next meeting to allow time for negotiations.

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

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

The Mayor then declared the Substitute Motion failed.

Then the Original Motion to reject Lamar Signs' proposal was voted on as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Original Motion carried.

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**TRACTOR STORAGE SHED**

There next came for consideration the matter of a recommendation by the Public Works Director to accept the bid from King Metal Buildings, being the lowest and best bid, for the construction of a tractor storage shed at the Public Works Complex. Alderman Steen moved to accept the recommendation. Copies of documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT**

There next came for consideration the matter of extending the contract with Waste Management for residential and commercial solid waste pickup until September 30, 2009. Alderman Steen moved to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director and extend the contract. A copy of said recommendation is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

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.

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**MADISON COUNTY WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a budget amendment to pay Madison County Wastewater Authority's 2008 administrative payment and assessment of \$.50 per sewer customer each month for calendar year 2008. Alderman Jones moved to approve the assessment and the budget amendment. A copy of correspondence regarding this matter is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Steen 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.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT/BUDGET AMENDMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief for a budget amendment to cover the cost of additional personnel to service the Renaissance Development. Alderman Steen moved to grant the request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

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.

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**SURPLUS PROPERTY/POLICE DEPARTMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Police Chief to declare certain items as surplus property. Alderman Jones moved to grant the request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**BUDGET AMENDMENT/FIRE DEPARTMENT**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Fire Chief for a certain budget transfer. Alderman Davis moved to grant said request, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "K".

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.

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**RIDGELAND MAGAZINE/ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the City Clerk for authorization to advertise for bids to print Ridgeland Magazine and for graphic design work. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to grant the request, Exhibit "L", with an add alternate for four (4) additional pages.

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.

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**CITY ATTORNEY’S COMPENSATION**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting an order appointing Jerry Mills and his law firm, Pyle, Mills & Dye, P.A. as City Attorney and fixing his compensation. Alderman Jones moved to adopt the order, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “M”.

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.

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

There next came for the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Davis moved that claim numbers 66838 through 67131 with the exception of claim numbers 66885, 66886, 66887, 66888, 66889, and 66890 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 4, 2008 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	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 Jones moved that claim numbers 66885, 66886, 66887, 66888, 66889, and 66890 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 4, 2008 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	Absent
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Roberts returned to the meeting.

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**ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

There next came for consideration the matter of acquisition of real property. After discussion, Alderman Gautier moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the property owners and bring back a final offer.

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the Mayor declared the first regular March 2008 meeting adjourned.

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE** this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2008.

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Gene F. McGee, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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David W. Overby, City Clerk

