

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

The Mayor called the first regular March 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 Jerry Mills. The meeting opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board were furnished copies of the February 22, 2007 Zoning Board meeting, the February 27, 2007 Architectural Review Board meeting, and a list of new businesses located in the City of Ridgeland for the month of February.

The Mayor announced that Ridgeland's County Line Road Corridor Revitalization Project was awarded the Grand Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Mississippi. The Mayor recognized Waggoner Engineering, Inc. for receiving the Engineering Excellence Award, and thanked Jim Hust, President of Waggoner Engineering, John Bourgeois, Director of the Civil/Structural/Aviation Division of Waggoner, Brian Neddles of Waggoner who assisted John Bourgeois, City Engineer David Williams, and Mike McCollum, Public Works Director for their contributions to the County Line Road Revitalization Project.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

CROSS COUNTRY MAGIC CARPETS

There next came for consideration the matter of an application filed by Zachary Aaron with Cross Country Magic Carpets for a Special Event Permit to have a rug and art tent sale in the parking lot at Northpark Mall. Alderman Heard moved to deny approving said application.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- (a) Petition to Rezone Real Property-Special Exception & Conditional Use Permit/Old Hwy. 51 LLC-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "A"

- (b) Petition for Dimensional Variance-240 Christopher Cove/Dick M. Wheeler-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Site Plan/Freshway Produce-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Special Event Permits-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
 - i. Natchez Trace Century Ride
 - ii. Major League Soccer Game
- (e) Budget Amendment/\$3,000 Check-Reimbursement for Wages for MS Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Safe Routes to Schools/Memorandum of Understanding-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Bid Award/Multi-Use Trail Phase II-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Establish Just Compensation (Acquisition of Property)/Sample & Associates-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Donations for Master Plan
 - i. Adcamp, Inc.-\$2,500.00
 - ii. Lee Hawkins Realty-\$1000.00
- (j) Declare Property Surplus/Administration-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"

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.

Then, the Mayor recognized Lee Hawkins and thanked him for his generous donation for the City of Ridgeland's Masterplan.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claim numbers 59041 through 59288 with the exception of claim numbers 59083, 59084, 59085, 59086, & 59087 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 6, 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 Jones moved to play claim numbers 59083, 59084, 59085, 59086, & 59087 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated March 6, 2007.

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	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 of Aldermen the Mayor declared the first regular March, 2007 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this _____ day of March 2007.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk