

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND REGULAR MAY 2007 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
MAY 15, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the second regular May 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 of Aldermen were furnished copies of the new businesses located in the City of Ridgeland in the month of April 2007, the minutes from the February 13, 2007 and February 27, 2007 Architectural Review Board meetings, and the minutes from the May 3, 2007 meeting of the Zoning Board.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the May 1, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN/
HARBOUR POINTE PROJECT**

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting a resolution regarding the Tax Increment Financing Plan, Harbour Pointe Project. Alderman Gautier moved to adopt said resolution which sets the public hearing for June 5, 2007. A copy of said resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

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

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| 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 on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Steen moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) Accept Audit FY2006/Jack Fortenberry
- (b) Dean Hart Construction/Special Exception & Conditional Use Permit-
Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- (c) Fastenthal Building/Site Plan-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- (d) Sample & Associates/Requests for Approval
 - i. Lake Harbour R-O-W Acquisition
 - ii. Water & Sewer Easement-West of I-55Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"

- (e) White Oak Creek Pump Station/Waggoner Engineering Professional Services Contract-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (f) Trace Ridge Storm Drain/Bid Award-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (g) Comcast Cable Commercial Services-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (h) Redd-Cycling Inc./Contract Revision-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (i) Stormwater Management Phase II Contract Renewal-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"
- (j) Ridgeland High School/Portable Building-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "J"
- (k) Human Resource Department Requests
 - i. Revision of Purchasing Agent's Job Description
 - ii. Five (5) New Part Time Firefighters
 Order attached hereto as Exhibit "K"
- (l) Adopt Revised Employee Handbook
- (m) "I Care for Animals" Car Tag Program-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "L"
- (n) Ridgeland Area Master Plan/Focus Area-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "M"
- (o) Surplus Property/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "N"
- (p) Budget Amendment-Vehicle Expense/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "O"
- (q) TCS Ware Contract/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "P"

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

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| 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.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

There next came for consideration the matter of a nomination by Alderman Davis to appoint Betsy McKenzie, 620 Turnberry Lane, Ridgeland to the Beautification Committee. Alderman Steen moved to accept Alderman Davis' nomination.

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

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| 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.

SMOKING ORDINANCE/SET PUBLIC HEARING

There next came for consideration the matter of a request by the Mayor that a public hearing be set for June 19, 2007 to consider adopting a Smoking Ordinance . Alderman Heard moved to grant the Mayor’s request.

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

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| 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.

AUTOMATIC METER READERS/BID AWARD

There next came for consideration the matter of award of bid for an Automatic Meter Reading System (AMR) for the City of Ridgeland. The Mayor announced that each of the bidders would be allowed five (5) minutes to address the Board to explain their systems and answer questions. Matt Jones of Central Pipe Supply Company (Badger) and Jim Ford of H D Supply (Sensus) made presentations to the Board and responded to questions. There being no other bidders present, the Public Works Director gave brief explanations of each of the bids and explained his recommendation that Sensus be awarded the bid. After discussion, Alderman Jones moved that the bid be awarded to Blurton, Banks and Associates, Inc. for \$1,586,309.17 for materials and installation on a retrofit/new basis. Copies of documents related to this matter are attached hereto as Exhibit “Q”.

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

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| Alderman Davis | Aye |
| Alderman Steen | Aye |
| Alderman Heard | Nay |
| Alderman Gautier | Aye |
| Alderman Holder | Nay |
| Alderman Roberts | Nay |
| 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 Steen moved that claim numbers 60494 through 60836 with the exception of claim numbers 60532, 60533, and 60534 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated May 15, 2007 be paid.

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

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| 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 60532, 60533, and 60534 (Cellular South) be paid.

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

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| 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 second regular May 2007 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of May 2007.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk