

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

The Mayor called the first regular September 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.

After the invocation, the Mayor introduced Boy Scout Charles McEuen, Jr., a member of Troop 8 sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Jackson, who is working on his citizenship merit badge, and Scout McEuen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then, the Mayor recognized and congratulated the following police officers for being selected as "Officer of the Month": Officer Grady Fisher for the month of April; Officer Billy Atkinson for the month of May; Sergeant Chad Wardlaw for the month of June; and Officer Marcus Edwards for the month of July.

Next, the Mayor introduced Moses Thompson, Manager, Family Memorial Service in Canton, Mississippi, who presented Police Chief Jimmy Houston with a plaque commending the Police Department for the extra attention extended to the families of Madison County during their time of grief.

The first order of business was the matter of accepting the minutes from the August 21, 2007 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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SITE PLAN/BETSY LILES

There next came for consideration the matter of approving a renovation plan for an existing residential structure located on West Jackson Street, owned by Betsy Liles, to be remodeled to be used as an art studio. After discussion, Alderman Davis moved to approve the plan contingent upon the new addition being covered with Hardy Board and painted Farrell Calhoun's Tavern Taupe; that the doors and shutters be stained dark mahogany; and that Ms. Liles return to the board in five (5) years to consider her future plans.

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	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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RED RIVER RECYCLING CONTRACT

There next came for consideration the matter of approving an addendum to the contract dated November 27, 2006 between the City of Ridgeland and Red River Service

Corporation (Contractor). Alderman Steen moved to approve the addendum which allows the contractor to provide recycling services at four schools located in the City. A copy of the contract 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	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

OLDE COLONY BUILDING

There next came for consideration the matter of accepting a check from Raza Development LLC/Olde Colony in the amount of \$50,569.41 for parking and a pole relocation on West Jackson Street. Alderman Gautier moved to accept said check.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

There next came for consideration the matter of the items listed on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Steen moved to approve the following Consent Agenda.

- (a) i. Adopt Order Approving FY2008 Budget-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
- ii. Adopt Order Setting FY2008 Tax Levy-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
- iii. Approval of 2 ½% COLA for Employees & Elected Officials
- (b) Authorization to Appoint Municipal Court Deputy Clerks-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
- (c) Adopt Ordinance Approving Petition for Dimensional Variance for Missy & Glenn Huddleston-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
- (d) Accept Donation /Cline Tour-\$1,000.00/Budget Amendment-Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "F"
- (e) Declare Certain Items as Surplus Property/Police Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- (f) Donate Surplus Property (Vectra 1800 Weight Machine) to Ridgeland High School-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "H"
- (g) Budget Transfer/Recreation & Parks Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit "I"

- (h) Neel-Schaffer Agreement/Perform “Cultural Resource Surveys” for Pear Orchard Road & Rice Road; Ridgewood Road & Centre Street Traffic Signal Installation-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “J”
- (i) Declare Certain Items as Surplus Property/Public Works Department-Order attached hereto as Exhibit “K”

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.

CDBG RESOLUTION

There next came for consideration the matter of adopting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Livingston Road Water Improvements Resolution to obligate the City to 50% matching funds to fund construction of water utilities for the Livingston Road area. Alderman Jones moved to adopt said resolution, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit “L”.

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	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

ADDENDUM TO JACKSON STREET PARKING LOT BID

There next came for consideration the matter of an add alternate to the Jackson Street Parking Lot bid document. Alderman Steen moved to approve the add alternate to allow for trenching.

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Jones moved that claims numbers 62991 through 63249 with the exception of claim numbers 63032, 63033, 63034, 63035, and 63036 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated September 4, 2007 be paid.

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	Aye
Alderman Holder	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Jones	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

Alderman Gautier moved that claim numbers 63032, 63033, 63034, 63035, and 63036 (Cellular South) on claims docket dated September 4, 2007 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	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 September 2007 meeting adjourned.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the _____ day of September 2007.

Gene F. McGee, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Overby, City Clerk