

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
August 16, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the second regular August 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Wes Hamlin. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the July 2016 Financial Statement and the August 2016 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the presentation of a Proclamation to Miss Mississippi Upper Elementary Natalie Brethem, who is a student at Olde Towne Middle School. Miss Brethem is the first individual to be crowned with the title Miss Mississippi Upper Elementary.

Next came the recognition of Sergeant Kevin Mathis for being selected Officer of the Month June 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Monday, June 27, 2016, the Ridgeland Police Department was notified of a dryer stolen from a residence. The victim had just purchased this home in Ridgeland and was in the process of moving in when the incident occurred. Sgt. Mathis diligently interviewed neighbors in that area as well as surrounding neighborhoods in an effort to possibly identify a suspect. Sgt. Mathis’ determination resulted in locating a witness who offered credible information, which led to the recovery of the stolen property and subsequent arrest of the suspect. Sgt. Mathis’ dedication and determination in resolving this incident has created a positive impact on our community and department. Mayor McGee thanked Sgt. Mathis for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and presented him with a gift from the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

Next came the recognition of Officer Ray Daniels for being selected Officer of the Month July 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Saturday, July 2, 2016 K9 Officer Ray Daniels conducted a traffic stop on a tan Pontiac Grand Prix for careless driving, which led to the arrest of the driver on an unrelated outstanding warrant held by the Ridgeland Police Department. While conducting an inventory of the offender’s vehicle, Officer Daniels located several burglary tools and recalled an auto burglary and auto theft that he had investigated on June 18, 2016, which occurred at Northpark Mall. Officer Daniels noted that this vehicle matched that of the suspect vehicle in the auto burglary to include details such as a sticker on the windshield and an XM antenna on the roof. The suspect was later interviewed regarding his possible involvement in the crimes that had occurred at Northpark Mall. The suspect ultimately confessed to the crimes and implicated his brother who was also later taken into custody and arrested. Officer Daniels’ attention to detail and diligence in this case illustrates his dedication as a law enforcement officer. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Daniels for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and presented him with a gift from the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

Next came the recognition of Alderman Scott Jones for obtaining his Certified Municipal Official Professional Development designation through the Mississippi Municipal League. Mayor McGee presented the plaque provided by the Mississippi Municipal League.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 1, 2016 Work Session and the August 2, 2016 Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections.

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the public hearing for the proposed 2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. Mayor McGee asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”. City Clerk Paula Tierce provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Linda Davis then addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and set out her concerns regarding the proposed budget. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of the cleaning of property located at 704 Greenfield Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Drew Smith adjudicated that proper and timely notice had been given to the current owner and recommended that the property be declared a menace to the public health, welfare and safety. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property located at 704 Greenfield Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi a menace to the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens and authorized the cleaning of said property pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Next came the consideration of the cleaning of property located at 148 McCormack Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Drew Smith adjudicated that proper and timely notice had been given to the current owner and recommended that the property be declared a menace to the public health, welfare and safety. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property located at 148 McCormack Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi a menace to the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens and authorized the cleaning of said property pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit “D”.

Next came the consideration of the site plan/architectural review for Lot 8 The Quorum submitted by Century Construction. After discussion, Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the site plan/architectural review and allow the contractor to obtain a dirt work permit subject to a conditional use being and issued for height variance. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the site plan/architectural review is attached hereto as Exhibit “E”

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Appoint Lazaire Martin Educational Representative to the Community Awareness Committee (CAC Appointment) – *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “F”*
- b) Special Event Permit for Trunk or Treat – *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “G”*
- c) Special Event for Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary Kettle Bell Run – *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “H”*
- d) Approve City Center Pay Request #3 and Certificate of Deposit in Lieu of Retainage – *Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “I”*
- e) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 395-601-900 (Transfer Out – 2015 \$11.9M Bond Issue) and 362-601-760 (Other Cost) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- f) Approve Samuels Lane Well Modification to SRF Payment Request #4 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- g) Receive July 2016 Privilege License Report – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- h) Authorize Hemphill Construction Company to Remove Concrete Building Foundations/Parking Areas for Lake Harbour Drive Extension Project – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- i) Special Event Permit for Jackson Metro Cyclist – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*
- j) Special Event Permit for Color Vibe – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “O”*
- k) Approve Aqua Engineering Services, LTD Conducting Hydraulic Analyses for Purple Creek Crossing for Lake Harbour Drive Extension – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “P”*

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

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 132574 thru 132946 and the August 5, 2016 Payroll be paid. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Absent

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of August, 2016.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK