

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 3, 2017
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 3, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Scott Jones followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through December 26, 2016.

Next came the recognition of Officer Kyle Millican for being selected Officer of the Month for November 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, Officer Kyle Millican was patrolling the area of Bay Meadows Apartments when he observed the window of a vehicle broken out and an individual running from the immediate area of where the vehicle was parked. Without hesitation, Officer Millican quickly radioed a clear description of the suspect and direction of travel to assisting units. Officers were able to establish a temporary checkpoint on the only exit for the area and a possible suspect matching Officer Millican's description was identified. The suspect had in his possession a cell phone belonging to the owner of the burglarized vehicle. The stolen property was retrieved and returned to the owner. The suspect was taken into custody and subsequently arrested for Auto Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Possession of Controlled Substance. Officer Millican's quick response and ability to communicate vital information during a high intense situation led to the apprehension of this auto burglar. The Mayor thanked Officer Kyle Millican for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work. Officer Millican then thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the opportunity to serve and their support.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 Work Session and the December 20, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the request to advertise for bids for Highland Colony Parkway and Roadside Maintenance Landscape Contracts, Old Agency Road and Highland Colony Parkway Intersection (Round-A-Bout) and I-55 Right-of-Way Landscape Maintenance, and for Northpark and Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Landscape Maintenance. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith. After discussion, Alderman Wes Hamlin made a substitute motion to approve Public Works Director Mike McCollum to negotiate the renewal of the current contracts for a two year period. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey

Nay(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman D.I. Smith

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of a budget amendment decreasing Colony Park Blvd Fund

Balance (362-000-192) \$2,703.00 and increasing Colony Park Blvd Legal (362-601-601) \$2,703.00. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of a budget amendment decreasing Public Utilities Fund Balance (400-000-192) \$195.00, increasing Public Utilities Transfer Out (400-650-920) \$195.00, increasing Samuel's Lane Transfer In (474-000-380) \$195.00, and increasing Samuel's Lane Legal (474-650-601) \$195.00. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of a Special Event Permit Application for SouthGroup Insurance Agency. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the request of a budget amendment to transfer \$500.00 from 001-000-333 (Investigative Fees) to 001-100-604 (Professional Fees). Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the request to designate Community Bank of Mississippi, Citizens National Bank, BankPlus, Trustmark National Bank, State Bank & Trust Company, and Metropolitan Bank as City depositories for calendar years 2017 and 2018. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s):

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the MS Municipal Government Proclamation. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s):

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Proclamation is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Next came the request for authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals for the Ridgeland Tennis Center. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s):

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of payment of claims 135523 -135737 excluding Costco related fees in Claim 135697 (\$405.00) and December 23, 2016 Payroll (\$1,580,969.68). Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s):

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of payment of Costco related fees (\$405.00) in Claim 135697. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard

Abstention(s):

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of January, 2017.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK