

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
February 7, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the February 7, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by Boy Scout Clayton Mahaffey of St. James Troop 1, who was present working on his citizenship badge.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through January 27, 2017 and a status report on the Samuels Lane Water Well.

Next came the recognition of Officer Brice Berry who was selected Officer of the Month for December 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at approximately 4:11 am Officer Brice Berry responded to a business burglary in-progress call Gulf Eagle Supply located at 247 Market Ridge Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Officers were advised that two identified men were observed on live surveillance video by G4S Monitoring Services entering the supply yard. Officer Berry arrived at that location and immediately observed a suspicious vehicle exiting the business adjacent to Gulf Eagle Supply. Officer Berry conducted a suspicious vehicle traffic stop and identified the three (3) occupants. During this stop, Officer Berry observed a combination of mud, grass and water on each of the suspect's shoes as well as multiple burglar tools inside of the vehicle. Upon completion of further investigation, all three (3) suspects were subsequently arrested for Business Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools. Officer Berry's initiative, attention to detail and situational awareness, led to the capture of three (3) individuals who were later linked to the theft of two (2) U-Haul trucks that had also occurred in the City of Ridgeland. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Brice Berry for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the cleaning of private property located at 700 Towery Court, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to table the matter until the February 21, 2017 meeting. 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 the request allowing Dinsmor Property Owners Association to relocate traffic gate and guard house. The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that the Dinsmor Property Owners Association requested that the matter be tabled. Alderman Ken Heard moved to table the matter until contacted by the Dinsmor Property Owners Association. 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 the consent agenda. Items "j" and "k" were removed from the consent agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a) Appoint Regina Italiano as Recreation Representative as the Community Awareness Committee Appointment - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"*
- b) Accept Donation for EMS Skid Unit and Approve Budget Amendment - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*
- c) Approve Police Department Budget Amendment - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- d) Accept Donation from TCSWare, Inc. - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- e) Approve Special Event Permit from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- f) Approve Special Event Permit for Shucker's Crawfish Boil - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- g) Approve Budget Transfer for Court Services - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- h) Approve Central Mississippi Human Trafficking Task Force Memorandum of Understanding - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- i) Approve Recommendation of Bid Award for Highland Colony Parkway & Old Agency Traffic Signal - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- j) Approve Lake Harbour Extension Entergy Utility Relocation Agreement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- k) Approve Budget Amendment for Colony Park Boulevard - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- l) Receive January 2017 Privilege License Report - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*

- m) Approve Revised Lease/Purchase Agreement with US Bank for Phone System - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- n) Approve Budget Amendment for Finance & Administration - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*

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 the Craft Center B & C Supplemental Agreement #1, the payment of CE&I Pay Estimate #5, and the associated budget amendments. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the Craft Center B&C Supplemental Agreement #1 contingent upon approval by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, the payment of CE&I Estimate #5, and the budget amendment increasing 001-550-905 (Transfer Out) \$4,087.46, decreasing 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) \$4,087.46, increasing 392-601-600 (Engineering) \$51,456.28, increasing 392-000-203 (Grant) \$47,368.82, and increasing 392-000-380 (Transfer In) \$4,087.46. 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. A copy of the Craft Center B&C Supplemental Agreement #1 and the CE&I Contract Pay Estimate #5 are attached hereto as Exhibit "O".

Next came the consideration to pay Claims 136050 - 136405. Alderman Scott Jones 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need of going to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into closed session to discuss the need of going into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Alderman Chuck Gautier seconded the motion 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Scott Jones moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Alderman Wes Hamlin seconded the motion 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to leave executive session. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the motion 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.

The meeting was reopened and the Mayor announced that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen during the executive session.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK