

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 21, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the March 21, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Kevin Holder. Absent was Alderman Ken Heard. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Tripp Thomas followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Michael Hedderman. Boy Scout Tripp Thomas and Boy Scout Michael Hedderman, members of First Baptist Church Troop 8, were in attendance working on their Citizenship badge.

The Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the February 2017 Financial Statement, the March 2017 Sales Tax Report, and the City Attorney Statement for services through February 24, 2017.

Next came the recognition of Detective Mark Penn for being selected Officer of the Month for January 2017. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, Detective Mark Penn was monitoring his police radio when he heard officers being dispatched to an armed robbery that had just occurred at Old Canton Road Wine & Liquor Store. As the suspect and suspect's vehicle description was provided, Detective Penn immediately began checking the area of Ridgewood Road in the City of Jackson for the fleeing suspect vehicle. Detective Penn observed an unoccupied silver Dodge Avenger matching the description of the suspect's vehicle. Detective Penn observed an unoccupied silver Dodge Avenger matching the description of the suspect's vehicle at the Shell Station located at 5850 Ridgewood Road in Jackson. Detective Penn proficiently set-up surveillance of the vehicle and observed a male subject fitting the description of the robbery suspect enter the vehicle. Detective Penn continued surveillance of the suspect and radioed his location to other units. The suspect was subsequently apprehended and arrested on charges of Armed Robbery. Key evidence was also located inside the vehicle that linked this suspect to another Ridgeland robbery along with multiple robberies that had occurred in the surrounding metro area. Detective Mark Penn's quick response and professional skills led to the capture of a habitual armed robber and exemplifies his dedication and commitment as a law enforcement officer. The Mayor commended Detective Mark Penn and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Work Session and the March 7, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Alderman Chuck Gautier and Alderman Brian Ramsey left the meeting and totally recused themselves to avoid a conflict of interest.

Next came the consideration of a Special Event Permit Application by Fleet Feet Sports for a 5K Run/Walk on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Special Event Permit is

attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Alderman Chuck Gautier and Alderman Brian Ramsey joined the meeting.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve.

- a) Reappoint Lan Pickle to the Ridgeland Tourism Commission as Commissioner-At-Large and William Merchant as Ridgeland Restaurant Industry Representative - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*
- b) Award Ridgeland Tennis Center Contract to What A Racket, Inc. Beginning April 1, 2017 and Ending March 31, 2021 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- c) Approve Resolution to Temporarily Surplus Property at the City Center Site and Authorize the Advertisement for Bids for Temporary Use of the Site - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- D) Deny Resolution to Fund School Street Improvements from City of Ridgeland to Mississippi Department of Transportation - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) Receive Insurance Proceeds/Approve Budget Amendment - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- f) Declare Forfeited Vehicle Surplus Property - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) Approve Special Event Permit for Elite Motorcars - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) Approve Special Event Permit for MS Occupational Therapy Association - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) Approve Special Event Permit for Voice of Calvary Ministries - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) Declare Patrol Unit 327 Surplus Property - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) Approve Replacement Memorandum of Understanding for Jackson Street Multi-Use Path - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- l) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing Water Hook Up Fees Fund Balance (490-602-900) \$495,968.00 and Increasing Capital Utility System (400-650-760) \$495,968.00 for Lake Harbour Drive Extension Movement of Utilities - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- m) Budget Transfer Decreasing 001-100-635 \$30,884.17 and Increasing 001-100-730 \$30,884.17 for Purchase of Equalogic Device by Police Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- n) Budget Amendment Increasing 001-010-601 \$21,000.00, 001-000-371 \$6,000.00, and Decreasing 001-000-192 \$15,000.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- o) Approve Resolution Opposing Proposed Landfill - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

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 Kevin

Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Claims 137035 - 137385 Excluding Costco Related Expenses In Claim 137298 and March 17, 2017 Payroll (\$1,582,832.08). 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Costco Related Fees In Claim #137298 (\$6,159.55). 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): None
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the _____ day of March, 2016.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK