

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 18, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Gene McGee, City Attorney Jerry Mills and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Logan Huff followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Boy Scout Walker Headley. Logan Huff and Walker Headley are members of First Baptist Church Boy Scout Troop 8 and was working on their Citizenship in the Community badge.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the March 2017 Financial Statement and the April 2017 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of sponsors for the Ridgeland Fire Department Six Wheeler. Training Officer Nathan Bell informed the Board of Aldermen how the six wheeler would be used and recognized the sponsors present.

Next came the recognition of Detective Adrian Ready for being selected Officer of the Month for February 2017. Mayor McGee stated that during the month of February multiple residential burglaries were reported at Pear Orchard Apartments during at 580 Pear Orchard Road. Detective Adrian Ready began diligently investigating leads, surveilling the area and checking pawn shop listings for items stolen from these victims. Detective Ready's persistence paid off as he was able to develop a possible suspect. Detective Ready immediately prepared affidavits and obtained an arrest warrant at which time the suspect was apprehended and taken into custody for questioning. Through further investigation and the assistance of the suspect's family, he was also able to make a subsequent arrest of an accomplice. Detective Ready's investigative abilities and effectiveness to communication and establish a relationship of trust with the suspect's family resulted in the arrest of two burglars and recovery of all but one stolen item. Detective Ready's relentless determination and professional skills exemplifies his dedication and commitment as a criminal investigator. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Adrian Ready for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and commended him on a job well done.

Next came the recognition of Officer Joseph Martin for being selected Officer of the Month for March 2017. Mayor McGee stated that on March 2, 2017, Officer Joseph Martin observed a suspicious subject in the parking lot of Oakbrook Apartments. As Officer Martin proceeded to investigate, the subject fled the scene in his vehicle at a high rate of speed. Officer Martin was unable to locate the vehicle and began checking the remainder of the complex. A short while later, Officer Martin observed the same suspicious male subject who again fled the area this time on foot. Upon completion of a search for the subject to no avail, Officer Martin began a detailed search of the area locating three vehicles that had been burglarized. An assisting officer then made contact with an individual in the area matching the suspect description Officer Martin had provided earlier. Office Martin was able to positively identify the individual as the suspicious subject he observed and had fled the scene. The suspect was taken into custody and subsequently arrested for auto burglary. On March 21, 2017, Officer Martin began to initiate a suspicious vehicle traffic stop on a white Ford Ranger occupied by two males when the driver bailed from the vehicle and fled on foot. Officer Martin was able to detain the passenger and located two wallets concealed in the subject's pants. The wallets were later discovered to have been stolen from vehicles burglarized at the Holiday Inn. The suspect was taken into custody and subsequently arrested for auto burglary. Officer Martin has distinguished himself on two separate occasions during the month of March by being vigilant during his tour of duty. He utilizes instinct and situational awareness to perform his duties. Mayor McGee commended Officer Joseph Martin on a job well done and thanked him for his

service to the citizens of Ridgeland.

Next Chief John Neal introduced Officer Michael Hutton to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and informed them that he recently completed the Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 3, 2017 Work Session and the April 4, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for 646 Ridgewood Road. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit for 646 Ridgewood Road. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Jones 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): None
Abstention(s): None

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

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting and recused himself to avoid a conflict of interest)

Next came the consideration of a Tourism Sales Tax Rebate Resolution for The Township at Colony Park. 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 Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

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

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting at 6:14 pm)

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of Veterans Memory Park in Ridgeland, MS at City Center - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- b) Dedication of Renaissance East Road by Highland Colony Land Company, LLC - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- c) Dedication of Renaissance Box Culverts and Turn Lane - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- d) Dedication of 300 Renaissance South Road - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- e) Dedication of 100 Renaissance Box Culvert - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- f) Declare Property Surplus - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- g) Approve Special Event Permit for Ridge of Silence - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- h) Approve Special Event Permit for Balloon Glow - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- i) Approve Special Event Permit for St. Columb's Episcopal Church - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- j) Approve Special Event Permit for Heatwave Triathlon - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- k) Approve Special Event Permit for BASS Master File Tourney/Outdoor Expo with Fees Waived - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- l) Acceptance of Donation (Wal-Mart) and Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-160-540 (Operating Supplies) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- m) Approve Mayor Attending NLC Board of Directors Meeting in Cleveland, OH in June 2017 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- n) Receive March 2017 Business License Report - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- o) Payment of Contractor's Estimate #4 & Final for Craft Center Parking Lot - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- p) Approval of Supplemental Agreement #1 for Craft Center Parking Lot Subject to MDOT Concurrence - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*

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): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Claims 137620 - 137955 and the April 14, 2017 Payroll. 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): None
Abstention(s): None

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 a personnel issue and possible litigation.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and possible litigation. 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): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and possible litigation. 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): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened and the Mayor announced that the Board of Aldermen were going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and possible litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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): None
Abstention(s): None

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 Executive Session.

Next came the presentation of Tree City USA by Donna Yowell of the Mississippi Urban Forrest Council to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK