

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
October 17, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were presented the October 2017 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Sara Ladnier for being selected "Officer of the Month" for September 2017. Mayor McGee stated that Corporal Sara Ladnier was nominated and selected "Officer of the Month" for September due to her diligence and dedication to the Kids Closet Program. This program funds school supplies, backpacks, and basic clothing for underprivileged students attending Highland Elementary School. In her pursuit to expend this program to the other local schools, she found and applied for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Program, which is designed to help identify and support causes that help make communities safer, stronger and smarter. State Farm accepted 2,000 applications nationwide for a chance to be awarded grant funds. These 2,000 applications were narrowed down to 200 semi-finalists and the City of Ridgeland was chosen as one of those. Of these 200 semi-finalists, the top 40 causes that received the most online votes would win a \$25,000 grant each to help support their cause. Corporal Ladnier volunteered her own time and money to advertise for our cause and encouraged thousands to vote by making videos, Facebook posts and passing out flyers. On September 26th, Corporal Ladnier was proud to announce that were were one of the top 40 causes and Ridgeland public schools would be receiving \$25,000 for the expansion of the Kids Closet Program. Due to Corporal Ladnier's initiative, diligence and dedication, the underprivileged students from all of Ridgeland's school districts will be able to participate in the Kids Closet Program. Mayor McGee thanked Corporal Ladnier for her hard work and dedication to making the City of Ridgeland a better place to live and learn.

Next came the presentation of the Certificate of Achievement by the Government Finance Officers Association to City Clerk Paula Tierce and Finance Manager Ashley Daniel by Mayor McGee. Mayor McGee announced that this is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City of Ridgeland Finance & Administration Department. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. Mayor McGee then announced that this is the 25th consecutive year for the City of Ridgeland to receive this award.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Work Session and the October 3, 2017 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

a. - Approve Budget Amendment to Increase the PURF account Capital Equipment (400-650-730) by \$89,190.00 and Capital Utility Systems (400-650-760) by \$219,590.00 and the Street Department Budget Amendment to Increase Capital Equipment (001-201-720) by \$53,600.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b. - Declare Surplus Property - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c. - Receive Insurance Proceeds - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d. - Accept Donation from Hometown Publishing, Inc. - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e. - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Ridgeland's Cyclocross Festival - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f. - Approve Special Event Permit for Colonial Heights Baptist Church - Hearts of Compassion 5K Race and Fun Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g. - Approve Special Event Permit for Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS - "Get Ready to Run" Kids 1 Mile Fun Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

h. - Approve Correction of Term Bid Pre-Cast Concrete Drainage Structures Material and Labor - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

i. - Authorization to Advertise for Bids for East Jackson Street Multi-Use Path - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

j. - Reappoint Phyllis Parker (Alderman Hamlin), Lea Anne Stacy (Alderman Heard), Jan Richardson (Alderman Smith), Barbara Brown (Alderman Lee), Rachel Collier (Alderman Gautier), and Polly Hammett (Alderman Ramsey) to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

k. - Approve Reappointments of Drew Malone (Alderman Chuck Gautier) and Shirley Gill (Alderman Kevin Holder) to the Community Awareness Committee - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

l. - Approve Sophos License Agreement and Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$20,135.33 and Increasing Account 001-042-635 \$20,135.33 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

m. - Void Privilege License #2017-01255 thru #2017-99999 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

n. - Receive September 2017 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

Alderman D. I. Smith 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Claims #141780-142111 and October 3, 2017 Payroll. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the _____ day of October, 2017.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK