

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
July 3, 2018
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the July 3, 2018 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), 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 Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor announced that the City received an award by the Mississippi Tobacco Free Coalition for adding e-cigarettes to the City's ordinance at the MML Annual Convention.

Next came the recognition of the City of Ridgeland being named Healthy Hometown by Blue Cross Blue Shield. Mayor McGee announced that this was the second time the City of Ridgeland has received this award, the first being in 2013. Mayor McGee stated that the Blue Cross Blue Shield would be awarding a \$50,000 check and that the Healthy Hometown Committee would meet and make recommendations as to how the money would be spent. Mayor McGee introduced the Healthy Hometown Committee members that were present, being Lynda Assink, Rochelle Culp, Adam Frazier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Adam Lien, John Pigg, Dr. Timothy Quinn, Rhonda Shirley, Alderman D. I. Smith, Lisa Walters, and Officer Scott Young.

Next came the request to reconsider the Architectural Review for Fill and Chill Awning Addition. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to rescind the approval of the Colonial Red that was approved by the Board of Aldermen on June 19, 2018 and approve the bronze color recommended by Architectural Review Board. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting and recused himself of the following item.)

Next came the consideration of the Petition to Close and Vacate A Certain Unimproved and Unused Street and Right-of-Way. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve contingent on any existing City easements and right-of-way that are being utilized staying in place and remaining the property of the City of Ridgeland. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

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

(Alderman Chuck Gautier rejoined the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Kevin Holder moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

a) - Appoint Jerry Mills City Attorney Pursuant to Provisions of Section 21-15-23 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

b) - Ratify Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Madison County, Mississippi and the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Regarding Funding of Certain Street Improvements Dated July 5, 2016 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C".

c) - Approve Renewal of Jackson Street Parking Lot Landscaping Contract with U.S. Lawns - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

d) - Approve New Landscaping Contract for Harbor Drive & City Entrance with U.S. Lawns - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

e) - Approve East Lake Harbour Drive Rehabilitation Engineering Pay Estimate #4 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

f) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Preliminary Engineering Estimate #56 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

g) - Approve EMCSDS Budget Transfer - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

h) - Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between MBN, HIDTA and Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

i) - Approve Special Event Permit for The Warrior Bonfire Program - Out of Bounds Cornhole Classic - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

j) - Table the Architectural Review for C Spire Lighting Project to the second Meeting in July - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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 147155 - 147447 Excluding Costco related charges in Claim 147334 and June 22, 2018 Payroll (\$2,457,886.05). 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 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 the Costco related charges in Claim 147334 (\$2,865.00). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee
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 pending litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Wesley 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to expand the Letter of Engagements with Wells, Marble & Hurst to include the Beard III litigation. Alderman Wesley Hamlin seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The meeting was reopened and the Mayor announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, my signature this the 16th day of July, 2018.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

