MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
July 17, 2018
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the July 17, 2018 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. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the July 2018 Sales Tax Report.

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Next came the recognition of Officer Brennan Alexander for being selected "Officer of the Month" for June 2018. Mayor McGee stated that on June 25, 2018, the Ridgeland Police Department received information from security at the Keesler Federal Credit Union that possible ATM skimmers were in our city. Officer Brennan Alexander was patrolling the area and observed a suspicious vehicle near the ATM machine at Bancorp South located on Pear Orchard Road. Officer Alexander noticed that the vehicle was not displaying a tag and immediately conducted a traffic stop. During the traffic stop, Officer Alexander was able to observe numerous Visa gift cards and a large amount of currency in the suspect's vehicle. Upon further investigation, Officer Alexander discovered that the cards in the suspect's possession were counterfeit and had been cloned using an ATM skimmer. He also recovered over $14,000 fraudulently taken from multiple victim's accounts by the suspect who was subsequently arrested on charges of possession of counterfeit instruments. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Brennan Alexander for his dedication and attention to detail which led to the arrest of this suspect and the recovery of the money fraudulently obtained. Mayor McGee encouraged Officer Alexander to keep up his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 18, 2018 and July 2, 2018 Work Session and the June 19, 2018 and July 3, 2018 and Board of Aldermen meetings. Alderman Ken Heard made comments regarding the embellishment made in the Minutes. Alderman Brian Ramsey made a comment about Exhibit "G" not being attached and the City Clerk explained that Exhibit "G" was attached to the actual minutes but just not this copy. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the consideration of a pool fence variance request as required by the Zoning Ordinance for 131 Green Glades by Larkin and Pam Carter. After discussion and comments by Mr. and Mrs. Carter, the matter was tabled to the first meeting in August, 2018.

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Next came the consideration of the Architectural Review Ordinance Amendment - Restrictions to Building Façade Lighting. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

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

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Next came the consideration of cleaning the property located at 100 Fox Run Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. A copy of the Notice that was mailed and posted at City Hall and the Ridgeland Library is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Georgia Trebisky, Code Enforcement Officer, provided a timeline of events and photographs of the property taken on July 11, 2018 and July 17, 2018, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Code Enforcement Officer Georgia Trebisky requested that the property be declared a menace to the public health and safety of the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property a menace to the public health and safety of the Community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. 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.

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Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Ken Heard requested that item "a" be removed from the Consent Agenda. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

a) - Final Plat Amendment - Maple Place - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

b) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for Shrimp Basket (former Shoney's Building on County Line Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

c) - Surplus Equipment - Fire Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

d) - Approve Truck Route Renewal Permit (Round-a-bout) for Hemphill Construction - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

e) - Approve Special Event Permit for Canopy Children's Solution - 5K 4Kids Canopy Care Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

f) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Trunk or Treat - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I

g) - Approve Special Event Permit for Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary - Labor of Love 10K/5K - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

h) - Approve Special Event Permit for Living Testament - Going Blue for Myositis - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

i) - Approve Professional Services Agreement with Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc. for Geotechnical Services for Proposed Fitness Building - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

Alderman Ken Heard 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.

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Next came the consideration of the Architectural Review for the Cspire Lighting Project (Blue). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Architectural Review for the Cspire Lighting Project (Blue). 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. A copy of the lighting plan and rendering are attached hereto as Exhibit "M".

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Next came the payment of claims 147448 - 147763 and July 6, 2018 Payroll ($1,122,996.89). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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.

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There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and announced that the City Clerk would be providing some information regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of July, 2018.

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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK