

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
August 21, 2018
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the August 21, 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, City Attorneys Jerry Mills and John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Chuck Gautier followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the presentation of the Carter Hill Award to the Ridgeland Fire Department by Tammy Moore of the Mississippi Burn Camp Foundation. Chief Bailey received the award on behalf of the Ridgeland Fire Department. Tammy Moore thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for allowing Carter Hill to work with the foundation and attend the annual camp.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Justin Crawford for being selected "Officer of the Month" for July 2018. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on July 16, 2018, the Ridgeland Police Department responded to the Lexington Apartments located at 879 William Boulevard in reference to a burglary of an occupied dwelling. It was learned that the suspect had entered the residence through a bedroom window stealing various items. Once the victim realized the suspect was in his home, he immediately contacted Ridgeland PD and the suspect fled the area. Upon arrival on scene, officers checked the area and began collecting evidence as well as processing the scene for any latent prints. Corporal Justin Crawford obtained video footage from the leasing office and observed three young individuals leaving the scene at the time the burglary was reported. Without delay, Corporal Crawford began attempts to identify these three suspects. Due to their age, Corporal Crawford enlisted the assistance of School Resource Office Ricky Bracey and two suspects were identified as Ridgeland High School students. Corporal Crawford along with assisting officers, proceeded to the suspect's residences where interviews were conducted upon receipt of parental consent. Two of the suspects confessed to the burglary implicating the third additional suspect involved. Corporal Crawford's dedication and initiative led to the identification and subsequent arrest of all three suspects. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the third suspect had also committed three additional residential burglaries and one auto burglary in the City of Ridgeland. Mayor McGee thanked Corporal Justin Crawford for his hard work and dedication to keeping the citizens of Ridgeland safe and acknowledged that he is an asset to the Ridgeland Police Department.

Next came the recognition of Ishan Bhatt who is a rising senior at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Mayor McGee announced that Ishan won the 2018 National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament, naming him the top competing speech and debate student in the entire United States. Mayor McGee congratulated Ishan on this very prestigious award and thanked him for representing Ridgeland in such a positive fashion. Mayor McGee then wish Ishan the best of luck in the upcoming debate season.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 6, 2018 Work Session and the August 7, 2018 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit - The Reserve. The Petitioner provided additional information regarding the conditional use requirements and provided the Board with a Philips Lifeline brochure, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and stated that this program would be implemented as a safety feature in order to avoid a hardship on City of Ridgeland resources. Alderman Ken Heard stated that the Petitioner had met all fifteen (15) conditional use requirements. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to deny. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith. A substitute motion was then made by Alderman Chuck Gautier to table the matter in order to discuss the matter with legal counsel regarding continuing litigation and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Jerry Mills, announced that the matter fit the criteria for an executive session. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the substitute motion.

The Mayor then announced that the remaining items on the agenda would be considered before considering the executive session.

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

a) - Approve Mayor Travel to Washington DC to Attend Mississippi Local Leaders White House Conference on September 17, 2018 thru September 19, 2018 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

b) - Approve FY19 Police Traffic Services Grant - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

c) - Approve FY19 DUI Grant Agreement - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

d) - Approve Revcard Agreement for Ridgeland Police Department 911 Recording System - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

e) - Approve Special Event Permit for St. Columb's Episcopal Church - St. Columb's Drawdown - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

f) - Reject Reverse Auction Bids from Adcamp, Inc. for Asphalt FOB and Request Permission to Re-Advertise - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

g) - Accept Checks from Keep America Beautiful (\$283.00) and Keep Mississippi Beautiful (\$500.00) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 148138 - 148403 and August 17, 2018 Payroll (\$1,833,187.02). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. 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 consideration of going into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss continuing litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 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 Mayor announced that the Board of Aldermen would be going into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Executive Session to discuss continuing 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, announced that the Board of Aldermen were going into

Executive Session to discuss continuing litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no vote was made by the Board during the Executive Session other than to leave the Executive Session.

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to remove the table. The motion was seconded by Alderman Holder and a vote was take thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Brian Ramsey made a substitute motion to table the matter until the next meeting in order to further discuss the matter with legal counsel and the developer. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith

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 6:57 p.m.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

