

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
October 16, 2018
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the October 16, 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 Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Board of Aldermen were provided an updated on 700 Towery Court by Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, as well as the 2018 Financial Statement and October 2018 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Ben Johnson for being selected Officer of the Month for September 2018. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on September 30, 2018, Officer Ben Johnson responded to South Midway Avenue in reference to multiple juveniles riding an all-terrain vehicle in the street. Upon arrival, Officer Johnson searched the area and found a 2011 camouflage Polaris Ranger inside the wood line at the end of the street. Officer Johnson immediately began investigating to determine if the ATV was stolen. He spoke with the manager of a local business that repairs and sells these types of vehicles and discovered it was in fact stolen from that location. Upon further investigation, Officer Johnson observed a stack of pallets that appeared to have been used in the theft of the ATV from the fenced area of the business. Officer Johnson continued to gather evidence and additionally located four (4) juveniles in the Midway Avenue area. Officer Johnson obtained information from each individual which subsequently led to the identity and apprehension of the suspect. Officer Johnson went above and beyond his duties as a patrol officer. His initiative to investigate and determination in resolving this crime is admirable. Officer Johnson remains a great asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee congratulated Officer Ben Johnson for being selected Officer of the Month and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City Clerk, Paula Tierce, and Finance Manager, Ashley Daniel, for Fiscal Year 2017. Mayor McGee announced that the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Mayor McGee thanked both Paula Tierce and Ashley Daniel for their hard work and dedication in maintaining and presenting the City financials in order to continue to receive the Certificate of Achievement.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 1, 2018 Work Session and the October 2, 2018 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

Next came the consideration of the Special Event Permit Application for Northpark Mall -

Glow in the Park 5K. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve with all fees waived. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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 Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan / Architectural Review for Marriott AC - Township at Colony Park. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 Site Plan/Architectural Review is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the 2018 STBG Safety Improvement Project Application and Resolution, Jackson MPO STBG Program for Highland Colony Parkway - Renaissance Driveway #3 and #4 Traffic Signal Improvements. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve contingent upon developer agreement to pay all out-of-pocket expenses and Alderman Ken Heard seconded the motion. After discussion, Alderman Kevin Holder made a substitute motion to approve the project applications being submitted as stated to the Jackson MPO STBG Program. 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 project applications and resolutions are attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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

- a) - Approve Re-Appointment of Barbara Hunter to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee (Mayor) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"**
- b) - Authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with First United Methodist Church to provide for a city-sponsored Farmer's Market - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"**
- c) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Community Development - True Local Market of Ridgeland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"**
- d) - Approve 2018 STBG Safety Improvement Project Application and Resolution, Jackson MPO STBG Program for U.S. Highway 51-Lake Harbour Drive Extension Traffic Signal Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"**
- e) - Approve 2018 STBG Safety Improvement Project Application and Resolution, Jackson MPO STBG Program for Highland Colony Parkway-Lake Harbour Drive Extension Traffic Signal Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"**
- f) - Approve 2018 STBG Safety Improvement Project Application and Resolution, Jackson MPO STBG Program for City of Ridgeland Traffic Signal Safety Equipment Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"**
- g) - Accept Drainage Easements from Robert T. and Carolyn D. Gilmer and Nancy O'Bryant to Replace a Storm Drain at 359 and 363 Eastwood - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"**
- h) - Approve FY2018 Compliance Questionnaire - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"**
- i) - Void Privilege License Numbers 2018-01654 thru 2018-99999 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"**
- j) - Receive September 2018 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"**

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 149283 - 149630 and October 12, 2018 Payroll (\$1,535,890.99). 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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

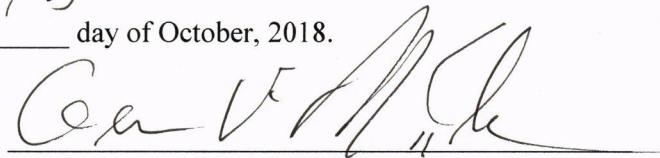
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

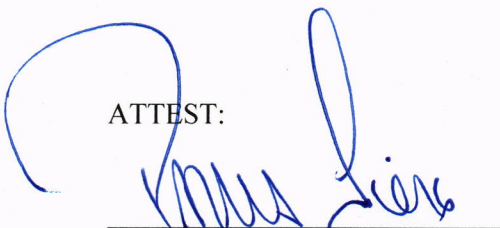
The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of October, 2018.


GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

