

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 2, 2019
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 2, 2019 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier (via telephone), 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, which was led by Boy Scout John Louis Black of Troop 716 who was working on the Citizenship in the Community and Communication badges.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney statement of services through December 21, 2018.

Johnny Black addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding his candidacy for the House of Representatives for District 73.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Work Session and the December 18, 2018 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that item "c" under the Consent Agenda would need to be removed at the request of Aldermen Brian Ramsey to avoid a conflict of interest.

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

a) - Approve Recommendation of Award for Mosquito Abatement Services - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Approve Special Event Permit for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi - Get Ready to Run Kids 1 Mile Fun Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Approve Utility Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - Approve Resolution Declaring January 13-19, 2019 Municipal Government Week - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

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 Claims 150915-151054 and December 21, 2018 Payroll (\$1,111,154.94). Alderman Kevin Holder 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.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey left the meeting and totally recused himself.)

Next came the consideration of the City Depository for the calendar years 2019 and 2020. City Clerk Paula Tierce recommended that Community Bank be the primary City Depository with BankPlus be the first alternate with Origin Bank, Bancorp South, Priority One Bank, Trustmark National Bank, and State Bank be approved depositories as well. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the recommendation of the City Clerk. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey rejoined the meeting.)

Mayor McGee announced that the Apartment Community Meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

