

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 15, 2019
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the January 15, 2019 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 Chief John Neal followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the December 2018 Financial Report and the January 2019 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Training Officer Brad Carter for being selected Officer of the Month for December 2018. Mayor McGee announced that the City of Ridgeland Police Department was awarded accreditation status in 2009, which has continued through the most recent recertification recognized through the MS Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission in December 2018. Mayor McGee stated that the task of maintaining proofs and evidence of compliance with 122 accreditation standards is an overwhelming task and must be managed by a person with sharp attention to detail and the desire to achieve perfection. In managing the accreditation program within our department, Officer Brad Carter has kept his finger on the pulse of what our officers are doing and ensured our training and performance are within the guidelines of our policies and procedures. Officer Carter has gained great respect in the accreditation community for his knowledge and the Ridgeland Police Department continues to be a model agency for others around the state to replicate. Mayor McGee thanked Training Officer Brad Carter for his hard work and dedication to making the Ridgeland Police Department a model agency.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 2, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Adopting Regulations for Small Cell Technology Facilities in the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) - Request Authorization to Bid North Park Drive/Lake Harbour Drive Landscape Maintenance - Order Attached As Exhibit "B"*
- b) - Request Authorization to Bid I-55 Interchange and Round-a-bout Landscape Maintenance - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- c) - Request Authorization to Bid Roadside Maintenance/Highland Colony Parkway Landscape Maintenance - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- d) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Professional Services Pay Request #62 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) - Approve East Lake Harbour Drive Rehabilitation Project Final Close-Out Letter and Budget Amendment Transferring \$581.00 from the Highland Colony Rehab Project to the East Lake Harbour Overlay Project - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "*
- f) - Approve Special Event Permit for St. Dominic's Hospital - Magnolia Meltdown - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) - Approve Special Event Permit for SouthGroup Insurance Agency - Make a Difference 5K - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) - Appoint Kim Traylor Deputy City Clerk - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) - Receive December 2018 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) - Approve FY2018 Continuing Disclosure Engagement Letter with Butler Snow - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) - Approve Utility Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*

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.

Next came the payment of claims 151055 - 151372 and January 4, 2019 Payroll

(\$1,329,035.16). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into 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 Ken Heard 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. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement between the City of Ridgeland and Sunchase Apartment. 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 Release and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "M".

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to deny the request to change the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. 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

Nay(s): Alderman Bill Lee

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Brian Ramsey 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

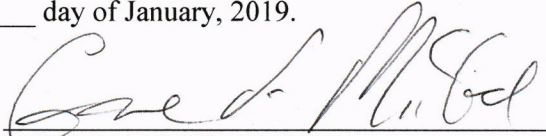
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that during the Executive Session the Board of Aldermen accepted a Settlement and Release Agreement and considered a policy and Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance amendment, which was denied by a 6-1 vote with Alderman Bill Lee voting nay.

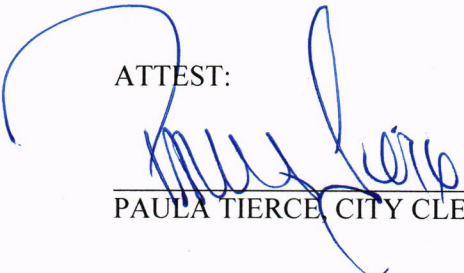
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 17th day of January, 2019.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

