**MEETING OF THE**
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE**
**CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**
**January 7, 2020**
**6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 7, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through December 27, 2019.

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Next came the recognition of Corporal Justin Crawford for being selected Officer of the Month for October 2019. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that Corporal Justin Crawford responded to Acura of Jackson located at 828 Adcock Street in reference to an auto burglary. Corporal Crawford immediately began processing the scene for latent prints and obtained surveillance video which captured images of the suspect committing the crime. He was able to develop quality prints which were later analyzed to determine a suspect. A photo of the suspect was positively identified as the suspect in the video and was subsequently arrested. Corporal Crawford's diligence and training in evidence processing resulted in the arrest of this suspect. Mayor McGee thanked Corporal Justin Crawford for his hard work and dedication in keeping Ridgeland safe and encouraged him to continue his good work.

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Next came the recognition of Detective Sergeant Brett Bertucci for being selected Officer of the Month for November 2019. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that Detective Bertucci responded to investigate multiple auto burglaries and commercial burglaries that occurred on Highway 51. During his investigation, he was able to locate the stolen items in pawn shops, effectively execute arrest warrants on suspects, and conduct thorough interviews which lead to the location and arrest of another suspect who ultimately provided a full confession. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Sergeant Brett Bertucci for his hard work and dedication in keeping Ridgeland safe and encouraged him to continue his good work.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 17, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

***a) - Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Ridgeland Police Department and Pearl River Valley Water Supply District - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"***

***b) - Declare Surplus Property for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"***

***c) - Approve Budget Transfer for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"***

***d) - Approve Special Event Permit for Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS - Get Ready to Run Kids 1 Mile Fun Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"***

***e) - Budget Amendment (Fire Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"***

***f) - Approve Lease Agreement Between City of Ridgelad and Jerry Pate Turf - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"***

***g) - Consider Easement Lease Agreements between Madison County School District and the City of Ridgeland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"***

***h) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"***

Alderman Wesley Hamlin seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

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Next came the consideration of Claims 158437-158745, December 20, 2019 and January 3, 2020 Payroll ($2,017,073.51). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

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The Mayor announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need of going to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Alderman Bill Lee seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Ken Heard moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the 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 6:15 p.m

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE,** this the 9th day of January, 2020.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

CITY OF RIDGELAND, MADISON COUNTY, MISS. CORPORATE SEAL 1899