

MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
February 18, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the February 18, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, 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. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Alexander Bacon, Forrest Carson, and Andrew Carson who were present representing St. Andrews Boy Scout Troop 1.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were presented a copy of the February 2020 Sales Tax Report and the January 2020 Financial Statement.

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Next came the presentation of the Proclamation declaring February 18, 2020 as Holmes Community College 2019 Ladies' Soccer Team Appreciation Day. The Mayor announced that the Holmes Community College Ladies' Soccer Team was the 2019 National Junior College Athletic Association Region XXIII Champions, the 2019 Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Champions, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges North Division Champions for the fourth consecutive year, and the National Junior College Athletic Association District H Finalist. Mayor McGee also recognized Cariel Ellis as the first player in the history of Holmes Community College to finish in the top five in goals in the nation and the first player to finish in the top five in points in the nation. Also recognized was Mackenzie Thompson for being the first player in the history of Holmes Community College to finish in the top five in assists in the nation. Mayor McGee also stated that the 2019 Holmes Community College Ladies' Soccer Team scored the most goals, had the All-Time Leading Goal Scorer, had the All-Time Leading Assist Holder, and the first player to sign with a NCAA D1 college in the history of Holmes Community College. Mayor McGee was presented a Team Championship Ball.

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Next came recognition of Officer Kason Travis for being selected "Officer of the Month" for January 2020. Mayor McGee stated that on January 17, 2020, Ridgeland Police officers observed what appeared to be flames at the intersection of North State Street and White Oak Court just outside the city limits of Ridgeland. As officers proceeded to investigate, they realized a vehicle was on fire and an individual was trapped inside. Without hesitation, Officer Kason Travis broke out the vehicle's window and the individual was pulled from the burning vehicle as it fully engulfed in flames. Due to Officer Travis' quick response and disregard for his own safety, the life of another human being was saved. Mayor McGee stated that his actions are considered heroic and deserving of being selected as officer of the month. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Kason Travis for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up his hard work. Officer Kason Travis thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

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Next came the recognition of Sergeant Sara Ladnier by Police Chief John Neal for being promoted as the first female sergeant in the history of the Ridgeland Police Department.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 3, 2020 Work Session and the February 4, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the consideration of the Petition and Conditional Use Permit for AT&T Mobility Small Cell Site Structure - 733-Z NorthPark Drive. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve. 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, Mayor Pro Tempore 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 "B".

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Next came the consideration of the Petition and Conditional Use Permit for AT&T Mobility Small Cell Site Structure - 800-Z Ridgewood Road. Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder moved to approve. 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, Mayor Pro Tempore 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 "C".

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Next came the consideration of the Petition and Conditional Use Permit for AT&T Mobility Small Cell Site Structure - 853-Z Centre Street. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

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Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use for Brandon Brown Properties 642 Ridgewood Road - Lawn Care Business. Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder 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, Mayor Pro Tempore 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 "E".

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the items listed in the Consent Agenda as follows:

***a) - City Hall Furniture Proposal - Dean and Dean - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"***

***b) - Authorization to Advertise for Solid Waste Services - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"***

***c) - Approve Recommendation for Financing for Dump Truck with Trustmark Bank and Resolution - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"***

***d) - Approve Recommendation for Financing for Two Man Bucket Truck with Trustmark Bank and Resolution - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"***

***e) - Approve Recommendation for the Lease Purchase of a Knuckle Boom Truck - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"***

***f) - Approve Lake Harbour Extension Phase "A" CE&I Supplemental Agreement #1 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"***

***g) - Approve Lake Harbour Extension Phase "B" Contractor Pay Estimate #9, January 1-31, 2020 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"***

*h) - Approve Special Event Permit for Hospice Ministries - 5K Run/Walk - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*

*i) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks & Recreation - Heatwave Triathlon - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*

*j) - Approve Special Event Permit for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Great Strides: Run for Breath 5K - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*

*k) - Receive Insurance Proceeds/Budget Transfer for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

*l) - Approve PTS Contract Amendment/Budget Transfer for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*

*m) - Approve Idemia Identity & Security Maintenance Agreement for Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*

*n) - Approve Fee Waiver Period for Ridgeland Municipal Court - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*

*o) - Sewer Adjustment of \$357.12 for Account #08-0575-04 and \$14.88 for Account #08-3840-05 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*

*p) - Receive January 2020 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*

The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

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Next came the payment of claims 159315 - 159627 and February 14, 2020 Payroll (\$2,235,199.84). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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, Mayor Pro Tempore 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.

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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 D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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**

Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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, Mayor Pro Tempore 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 approve the Settlement Agreement between Mid-America Apartments and the City of Ridgeland. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro Tempore 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 Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "V".

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to authorize legal counsel to enter into a judgment with prejudice in the cases pending before the Mississippi Supreme Court between the Trace Apartments and the City of Ridgeland and The Mark Apartments and the City of Ridgeland. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Mayor Pro

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

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

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The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the 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 6:55 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Gene F. McGee  
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce  
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

