

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 3, 2020
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the March 3, 2020 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 Mayor McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the January 27, 2020 Community Awareness Committee Minutes and the City Attorney's statement for services through February 25, 2020.

Next came the recognition of Assistant Chief Eric Redd for being inducted into the Pearl High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Mayor McGee present Assistant Chief Redd with a proclamation declaring March 3, 2020 as "Assistant Chief Eric Redd Day" in the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the introduction of the City of Ridgeland Police Department K9, Titus, and his handler, Officer Ben Johnson.

Next came the presentation of the 2020 Engineering Excellence Honor Award for the Colony Park Boulevard from Sunnybrook Road to US Highway 51 Project that was awarded by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi. Present to present the award on behalf of Michael Baker Engineering was Kenny Collins and Ray Ballentine.

Mayor McGee announced the need to add Change Order to agenda for the Wolcott Park Project. There was no objection to adding the item to the Consent Agenda.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Ken Heard requested that item "g" be removed. Alderman Ken Heard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

a) - Authorize the Mayor to Advertise the existing City Hall Building and Site located at 304 Highway 51 for sale - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

- b) - Approve Continuing Disclosure Engagement Letter for FY2019 Audit - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"***
- c) - Authorization to Advertise for Requests for Proposals for professional services for the Conceptual Design for Enhancements to the Railroad District - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"***
- d) - Appointment Patrice Hobbs for the Ridgeland Tourism Commission as the Hotel/Lodging Representative for the period April 2020 thru March 2023 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"***
- e) - Re-Appoint Lan Pickle to Ridgeland Tourism Commission Board of Directors as the Commission-At-Large for Additional Three Year Term - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"***
- f) - Consider Ordinance Reducing Speed Limit From 40 to 35 on Post Road - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"***
- g) - Approve Interlocal Agreement with Madison County and Madison the City for Household Hazardous Waste Day May 9, 2020 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"***
- h) - Surplus Equipment (Fire Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"***
- i) - Approve FY21 DUI Grant Application - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"***
- j) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Balloon Glow - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"***
- k) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Christmas Tree Lighting - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"***
- l) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Cyclocross Festival - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"***
- m) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Trunk or Treat - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"***
- n) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Ride of Silence - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"***
- o) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Century Ride - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"***
- p) - Approve Special Event Permit for Ridgeland Parks and Recreation - Kid Fest - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"***
- q) - Approve Special Event Permit for Shucker's Piano and Oyster Bar - Annual Crawfish Boil - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"***

r) - Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - firearms - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

s) - Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - bullet proof vests - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"

t) - Approve \$36.22 Sewer Adjustment for Account 03-4236-02, \$156.92 for Account 08-5760-07, and \$42.78 for Account 04-4180-01 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"

v) Approve Change Order for Wolcott Park Parking Lot Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"

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.

Next came the consideration of the budget amendment increase the Use Tax Revenue (001-000-266) \$141,755.94 and the Street Department Professional Fees (001-201-603 \$141,755.94. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the budget amendment. 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 Bill Lee

Nay(s): Alderman D.I. Smith

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of Claims #159628-159865 and February 14 and 28, 2020 Payroll (\$2,031,214.99). 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 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 an economic development issue as well as pending litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss an economic development issue as well as pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard and 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 an economic development issue and pending litigation. 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, 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 Wesley Hamlin 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 there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of March, 2020.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

