

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

The Mayor opened the July 7, 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 (via telephone), 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 Chuck Gautier followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney Statement for Services through June 26, 2020 and a copy of the June 29, 2020 Community Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the appointment of the City Attorney for Period Beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. 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. A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**PUBLIC HEARING
SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
CURB-SIDE PARKING & SHORT-TERM PARKING SIGNAGE**

Next came the public hearing to consider Sign Ordinance Amendments to set regulations governing Curb-side and Short-term Parking Signage. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response. Alan Hart, Community Development Director, presented the proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of the Sign Ordinance Amendments to set regulations governing Curb-side and Short-term Parking Signage. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): None

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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

a) - Approve the Services & Facilities Plan for the Proposed Annexation - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

b) - Preliminary Plat for the Commons - Phase 1 Subdivision - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

c) - City Hall (100 West School Street) Entergy Easements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

d) - Accept Bid from Jackson Street of Ridgeland, LLC for 634 square feet of surplus property on West Jackson Street and authorize the City Attorney to prepared the Deed and complete the sale - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

e) - Approve Interlocal Agreement for Collection of Ad Valorem, Special Assessment Taxes and Public Property Assessments by Madison County Tax Collector - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

f) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

g) - Approve Budget Amendment Pursuant to Section 21-35-25 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

h) - Approve Budget Amendment Moving Excess Project Funds - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

i) - Approve the Trustmark Bank Custody Agreement - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

j) - Receive May 2020 Business License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

k) - Approve Participation in the MS LEAD Program - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

- l) - Approve Budget Amendment- Insurance Proceeds for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- m) - Approve Budget Amendment -Training Reimbursement for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- n) - Approve Budget Amendment-Investigative Fee for Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- o) - Approve Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- p) - Approve Deputy Court Clerk Appointment - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- q) - Approve Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- r) - Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the MS Bureau of Narcotics, MS Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- s) - Approve Lake Harbour Extension Phase "B" Contractor Supplemental Agreement #4 for Eutaw Construction Company, Inc. - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- t) - Approve Request to Advertise for Term Bids for the Public Works Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- u) - Approve Contract with Central Mississippi Planning and Development District for Preparing a Hazard Mitigation Plan - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- v) - Approve Cellular South Lease Renewal for the Towne Center Tank - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- w) - Approve \$20,000 Budget Amendment for Limb Pick-Up - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*
- x) - Accept \$500 Donation from Keep Mississippi Beautiful - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*

Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 161883 thru 162208 excluding claims 162193, 162194, and 162195 (Waggoner Engineering) and June 26, 2020 Payroll (\$3,666,850.04). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): None

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting.)

Next came the payment of claims 162193, 162194, and 162195 - Waggoner Engineering. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman 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 announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel issue. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into closed session to discuss going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel issue. Alderman Kevin Holder 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel issue. Alderman Bill Lee 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.

(City Attorney Jerry Mills left the meeting.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. 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

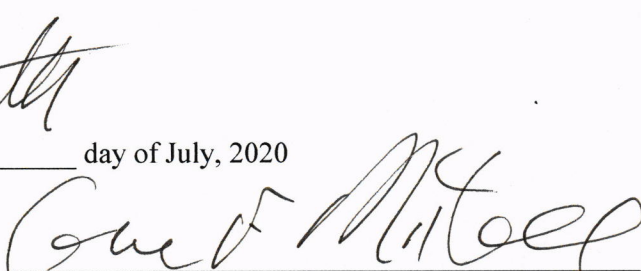
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

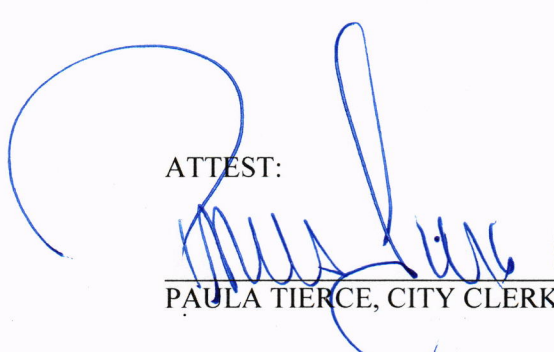
The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 9th day of July, 2020


GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

