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

The Mayor opened the August 18, 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 Mayor introduced Will Graven, Merritt Nations, Drake Lester, Adams Kennedy, Owen Carter, Win Hooker, Buckley Speights, and Win Speights of Boy Scout Troop 302 from Covenant Presbyterian Church who were present working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Will Graven followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Buckley Speights.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Community Awareness Committee, the July 2020 Financial Statement, and the August 2020 Sales Tax Report.

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Next came the recognition of Detective Hunter Bridges for being selected "Officer of the Month" for July 2020. Mayor McGee stated that Detective Bridges recently witnessed a male attempting to conceal an assault rifle as he entered a hotel room. The subject returned to his vehicle without the weapon and left the scene. Detective Bridges performed a traffic stop resulting in the arrest of the subject and another occupant of the vehicle for narcotics and weapon possession. Upon execution of a search warrant for the hotel room, a large amount of crystal methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin packaged for individual sale along with the assault rifle were seized. Detective Bridges has logged numerous surveillance hours in an effort to thwart the narcotics and human trafficking trade that commonly occurs s in certain hotel areas. His determination and tireless efforts to make a difference, prove he is a valuable asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Hunter Bridges for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the good work. Detective Hunter Bridges thanked the Mayor and Board for recognizing the "Officer of the Month".

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 4, 2 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Paula Tierce, City Clerk, attested that proper notification had been made and a copy of said advertisement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak and there was no response. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to close the Public Hearing. 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 Proof of Publication is attached

hereto as Exhibit "A

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Next came the consideration of the Order Setting Tax Levy. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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, 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 Setting Tax Levy is attached hereto as Exhibit "B

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Next came the consideration of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. 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. A copy of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

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Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Juan Carlos Garcia Food Truck Park (328 Hwy 51 - formerly Lee's Deer Processing). Alderman 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, 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 "D

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for Juan Carlos Garcia Food Truck Park (328 Hwy 51 - formerly Lee's Deer Processing) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

b) - Tritoon Boat Lift/Budget Amendment - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

c) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Phase B -Contractor (Eutaw Construction) Pay Estimate #14 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

d) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Phase B Supplemental Agreement #5 for Eutaw Construction - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

e) - Approve Budget Amendment- Investigative Fee for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

f) - Approve Budget Amendment-Homeland Security Grant 19LE16 for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

g) - Approve Special Event Permit for Southern AgCredit-Jingle Bell Jog - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

h) - Approve Letter of Engagement with Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC for Fiscal Year 2020 Audit - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

i) - Adopt Preliminary Tax Roll - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

j) - Approve Sewer Adjustment of $169.10 for Account #05-4285-01 (6536 Old Canton Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

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.

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Next came the payment of claims 162696 - 163007 and August 14, 2020 Payroll ($4,017,031.51). Alderman D.I. Smith 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, 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.

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The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. 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 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 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.

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The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that 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 6:34 p.m

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 19th day of August, 2020.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

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