MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
October 20, 2020
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the October 20, 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 (via telephone), City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the October 2020 Sales Tax Report and the September 2020 Financial Report.

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Next came the recognition of Officer Alonzo Jones for being selected Officer of the Month for September 2020. Mayor McGee stated that on Friday, September 18, 2020, while performing Field Officer Training duties, Officer Jones observed a vehicle failing to yield at a right of way. Officer Jones instructed his training officer to initiate a traffic stop. During the stop, Officer Jones determined the possibility of marijuana in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle yielded multiple weapons, drugs and THC laced candies. Officer Jones took time to correctly and professionally demonstrate to a new officer how a minor traffic violation could lead to a felony arrest. Mayor McGee stated that Officer Jones is an asset to the Ridgeland Police Department and thanked him for his service to the City of Ridgeland

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Next came the presentation of the "Steward" level of membership in Mississippi enhance Environmental Stewardship program by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to Mike McCollum, Public Works Director.

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for a new Building at 208 Park Ct. - David Harris - Order Attached Hereto as E

b) - Approve Budget Amendment- Insurance Proceeds for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Accept Donation for the Ridgeland Police Department and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Account 010-000-348 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit

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d) - Approve Truck Route Permit for Old Agency Road for Lot#44 Bridgewater - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Approve Budget Amendment for Street Department 001-201-603 for Richardson Road and Highland Colony Parkway Paving - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - Approve Budget Amendment for Ridgewood Road Drainage Improvements Fund 350-601-750 in the Amount of $500,000.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) - Receive Donation of $40.00 from Magnolia State Chapter NSDAR for City Center Display Case and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Account 390-000-348 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

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.

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Next came the payment of Claims 163969 - 164308 and October 9, 2020 Payroll ($2,402,356.16). Alderman Ken Heard 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, 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 consideration of the Resolution Opposing Initiative 65. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Resolution Opposing Initiative 65. 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman D.I. Smith

Abstention(s): None

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

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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 26th day of October, 2020.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

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