

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
November 17, 2020
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the November 17, 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). The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the recognition of Officer Matthew Witt for being selected Officer of the Month for October 2020. Mayor McGee announced that on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Officer Witt responded to the intersection of Northpark Drive and Pear Orchard Road in reference to a male subject yelling at other vehicles. When Officer Witt exited his patrol car, the male subject made remarks referring to the police killing him. Through the use of de-escalation tactics, Officer Witt was able to calm the subject down and speak with him. Officer Witt displayed great regard for the subject through his use of de-escalation tactics and was able to resolve conflict with no harm being done. Officer Witt has shown genuine care for citizens while on patrol and continues to remain an asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Matthew Witt for his service to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up his hard.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

a) - Acceptance of Donation - Budget Amendment - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Approve Jantek Timeclock Maintenance Contract - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Approve Reimbursement Agreement Between Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC and City of Ridgeland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - Approve General Agreement between City of Ridgeland and National Park Service for the Multi-Use Trail Maintenance Responsibilities - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Ridgeland and Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for Solid Waste and Recycling Services - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - Appoint Duane O'Neill to the Ridgeland Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 164626 - 164940 and November 6, 2020 Payroll (\$1,454,821.63). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need of going to executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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

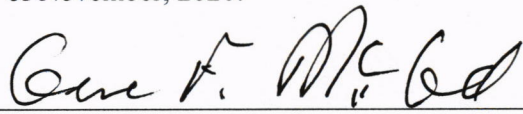
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

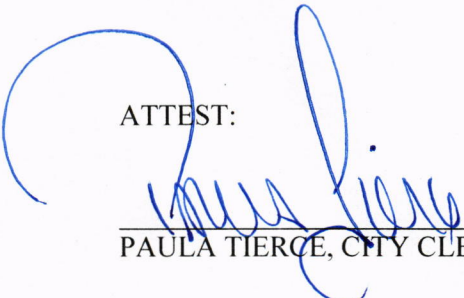
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 23rd day of November, 2020.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

