

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
December 1, 2020
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the December 1, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier (via telephone), Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's Statement for Services through November 20, 2020.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the November 17, 2020 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the hearing for the cleaning of the property identified as Parcel No. 071G-36D-051/02.00. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by saw law. Georgia Trebisky, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that the property was in a state that is a menace to the public health and safety of the community. The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak and there was no response. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property a menace to public health, safety and/or welfare to the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and photographs as Exhibit "B".

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Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and photographs as Exhibit "D".

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 UPS - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

b) - Approve Surplus Property List for Public Works Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

c) - Approve Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

d) - Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$177,800.00 and Increase Account 001-201-604 for Repairs to Freedom Ridge Retention Basin - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

e) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

f) - Accept the Resignation of Larry A. Miller from the Election Commission and Appoint Bob Spring to Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto AS Exhibit "J"

g) - Resolution Amending Renaissance Phase III TIF - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 164941 - 165155 and November 20, 2020 Payroll (\$2,589,751.01). 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Jerry Mills left the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

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 7:45 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 3rd day of December, 2020.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

