

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 19, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 19, 2021 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 John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Forrest Caron of Troop 1, St. James Episcopal Church.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the December 2020 Financial Report and the January 2021 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Detective Hunter Bridges for being selected "Officer of the Month" for November 2020. Mayor McGee states that Detective Bridges has logged numerous surveillance hours on known narcotics dealers within the City of Ridgeland. As a result, two cases were made during the month of November yielding large seizures of narcotics, cash and weapons. Detective Bridges spent hours at Madison Park apartments watching a known dealer. The individual left the apartment complex giving the opportunity to effect a traffic stop. This stop yielded illegal narcotics, \$14,000 in cash and an assault weapon. In another case, Detective Bridges located someone on social media flaunting drug sales, cash and firearms. Upon further review of video, the suspect was identified and his vehicle located at Pear Orchard apartments. Detective Bridges waited for the suspect to leave the apartment. The suspect finally left, a traffic stop ultimately yielded two assault rifles, a handgun, narcotics and over \$5,000 in cash. Detective Bridges continues to perform at a level that ensures success. His determination and work ethic are exactly what the Ridgeland Police Department tries to foster with every officer. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Hunter Bridges for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 5, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

a) - Parcel No. 071G-36D-051/02.00 - Cost Resolution - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Parcel No. 071G-36D-050/00.00 - Cost Resolution - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - City Hall Change Order - Shivers Electric - Change Order Number 6 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - City Hall Change Order - Midstate Change Order Number 7 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - Approve Budget Transfer for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) - Approve Deputy Court Clerk Appointment - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

h) - Approve Badger Meter Sole Source Letter for Central Pipe - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

i) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways traffic Signal Improvements CE&I Invoice #1068826 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

j) - Receive December 2020 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

k) - Appoint Joanne Pearson to Ridgeland Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

l) - Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

m) - Advertise for City Depository - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

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 165768 - 166012 and 1/15/2021 Payroll (\$1,955,933.29). 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.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of January, 2021.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

