

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 2, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the March 2, 2021 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Kevin Holder. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney Statement for Services through February 23, 2021.

(Alderman Kevin Holder joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

Next came the recognition of Officer Jesse Berry for being selected "Officer of the Month" for January 2021. Mayor McGee announced that on January 22, 2021 Officer Berry responded to a residence in reference to an attempted auto burglary. Within minutes of arriving, Officer Berry gathered vital information along with a detailed description of the suspect to relay to his fellow officers. The suspect was located and Officer Berry was able to identify him. Officer Berry along with other officers searched the area and were able to locate a stolen wallet belonging to another resident. Due to Officer Berry's quick response, attention to detail and ability to provide vital information in a timely manner to fellow officers, an arrest was made closing several auto burglary cases in Ridgeland. Officer Berry continues to prove himself a capable, determined and valuable asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Jesse Berry for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work. Officer Berry thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their continued support of the Ridgeland Police Department.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey left the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the City Depository for the calendar years 2021 and 2022. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to award the City Depository to Community Bank for the calendar years 2021 and 2022. 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.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey rejoined the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

a) - Colony Park Monument Enhancement - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway Traffic Signals CE&I Pay Estimate #3 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Award Consession Contract for Freedom Ridge and Hite Wolcott for Period of April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2025 to Game Changer Concession LLC - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - Award Ridgeland Tennis Center Contract to What A Racket, Inc. for Period of April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2025 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - February 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) - Approve Alderman Brian Ramsey's Appointment of Theresa Kennedy to Zoning Board - Order 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.

Next came the payment of claims 166620 - 166792 and February 26, 2022 Payroll (\$2,631,264.24). 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.

Chief John Neal then made a presentation of the LexisNexis Community Crime Map Program.

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 3Rd day of March 2021.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

