

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 20, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 20, 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 Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Henry Russ followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Tajay Robinson.

The Mayor introduced the members of Boy Scout Troop 8, First Baptist Church, who were present working on the Citizenship in the Community badge. The members present were: Owen Brown, Stewart Russ, Henry Russ, Wade Smith, and Tajay Robinson.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Work Session and the April 6, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Proclamation Declaring April 20, 2021 as Harvey Carr, Jr. Appreciation Day. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Proclamation Declaring April 20, 2021 as Harvey Carr, Jr. Appreciation Day. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Proclamation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", was then presented to his sons, Robby Carr and Chad Carr.

Next came the recognition of Detective Hunter Bridges for being selected Officer of the Month for February 2021. Mayor McGee announced that, while monitoring activity in the area between Whataburger and Tiger Rock Martial Arts, Detective Bridges observed two vehicles pull up next to him and conduct a narcotics transaction. Detective Bridges approached the men and discovered a narcotics trafficking operation. Multiple packages of MDMA (Ecstasy/Molly) and Alprazolam (Xanax) as well as cocaine and marijuana were recovered during the initial search. The arrests led to the seizure of manufacturing equipment and more product in the Gluckstadt area as well as the City of Canton. There was a discovery of an international connection and the case has continued to grow exponentially. Mayor

McGee thanked Detective for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the consideration of the Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement Between City of Ridgeland and Madison County for the Renaissance Phase III TIF. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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

Abstention(s): None

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

(Alderman Brian Ramsey left the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of the Special Event Permit Application for the UMC Mind Center Brawn and Bubbles/Run Now Wine Later 5K. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

(Alderman Brian Ramsey rejoined the meeting.)

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

a) - Site Plan / Architectural Review for Jasco Fuel Center at 1108 County Line Road (formerly Trustmark Bank) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

b) - Surplus Equipment - Fire Dept - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

c) - Approve Resolution for Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021-2026 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

d) - Approve Public Works Surplus Items List - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

e) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvement Contractor (Lewis Electric) Pay Estimate #3 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

f) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvement CE&I Pay Estimate #4 for Neel Schaffer Engineering - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

g) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvement CE&I Pay Estimate #5 for Neel Schaffer Engineering - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

h) - Approve Close Out Documents - Wolcott Parking Lot - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

i) - Approve Service Agreement between Motorola and Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

j) - Approve Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) Application for Participation and State Plan of Operation Between State of Mississippi and Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

k) - Approve Special Event- Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Pepsi Pops - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

l) - Approve Special Event Permit- Ridgeland Tourism Commission Fine Arts Festival - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

m) - Approve Special Event- Southern AgCredit Customer Appreciation Fish Fry - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

n) - Approve Utility Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

o) - Receive FY2020 Audit Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 167542 - 167858 and April 9, 2021 Payroll (\$2,014,568.65). Alderman D.I. Smith 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development and the purchase of real estate. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss economic development and the purchase of real estate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development and the purchase of real estate. 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 Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken there 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

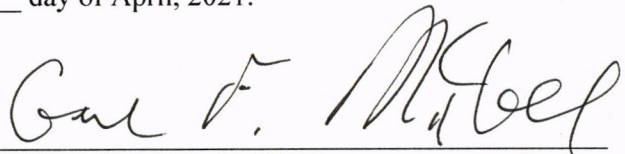
Abstention(s): None

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 6:37 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 21st day of April, 2021.


 GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


 PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

