

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 18, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the May 18, 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 Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the April 2021 Financial Statement and the May 2021 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 3, 2021 Work Session and the May 4, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey departed the meeting at 6:01 p.m.)

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by the MS Federal Credit Union. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit. Alderman Bill Lee 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 Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the site plan/architectural review for the MS Federal Credit Union building. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the site plan. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 site plan and renderings are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

(Alderman Brian Ramsey rejoined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

Next came the cleaning of the property located at 310 Autumn Crest Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Georgia Myrick, Code Enforcement Officer, attested that proper notice was made, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Georgia Myrick presented photos of the property and requested that the property be declared a menace to the public health and safety of the community. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property located at 310 Autumn Crest Drive a menace to the public health and safety of the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. 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.

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

a) - Preliminary Plat (Replat) and Amended Covenant for Carlton Parke - Part 2 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

d) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvements Contractor (Lewis Electric) Pay Estimate #4 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

c) - Accept Donation for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

f) - Receive MLEOTA Training Reimbursement for the Ridgeland Police Department and Budget Amendment - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

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

h) - Approve Advertisement for RFP for Engineering Services for Highland Commerce Drive and Appoint Selection Committee - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

i) - Utility Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

j) - Approve application for federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant Recreation and Parks - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

k) - Receive April 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

l) - Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund \$100,000 and Increasing Account 001-180-601 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

m) - Appoint Adams Yerger to the Community Awareness Committee (Alderman Ken Heard) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 168126 - 168492 and May 7, 2021 Payroll (\$2,052,378.05). Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to discuss going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Bill Lee 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 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 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

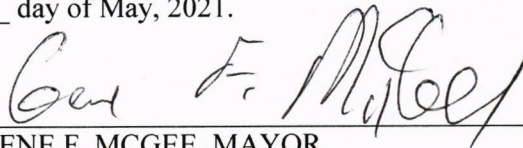
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

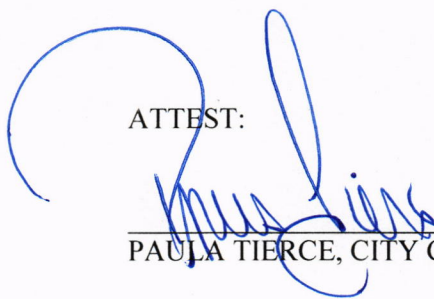
The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK



