

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
June 1, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the June 1, 2021 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were 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 Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through May 25, 2021.

Next came the recognition of Officer April Rose for being selected Officer of the Month for April, 2021. Mayor McGee stated that in late April, the Ridgeland Police Department's designated DUI Enforcement Officer was injured while on duty and unable to perform his job requirements. The DUI Officer position is funded by a complex federal grant requiring the assigned officer to manage and plan sobriety checkpoints and make daily traffic stops enforcing our state's DUI laws. If grant requirements are not met, funding or the position could be lost. Officer April Rose jumped at the opportunity; she met with administrative staff and developed a plan of action. Officer Rose performed at such a level that guaranteed the success of the program. While handling all aspects of the grant requirements, Officer Rose never complained about the change in schedule or workload. Officer Rose's performance and willingness to accept new responsibilities proves she is a valuable asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Officer April Rose for her hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged her to keep up the good work.

Next came the presentation of gift cards and Fleet Feet certificates for running shoes for the Ridgeland Police Officer of the Month to Mayor McGee by Chase Bryan, President of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

Next came the presentation of a donation of funds to purchase a water fountain with a bottle filler to the Ridgeland Police Department by Samantha and Joel Barnett, owners of Barnett Body Shop, to Chief John Neal.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Work Session and the May 18, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of a Resolution Approving Refinancing 2011 GO Bonds. 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. Attached is the Resolution as Exhibit "A".

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

a) - Set Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendments - July 20, 2021, 6pm in front of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

b) - Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit - Hwy 51 Bedi C-Store and Fast Food Drive-thru - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

c) - Site Plan/Architectural Review for Hwy 51 Bedi C-Store - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

d) - Site Plan/Architectural Review for South Maple Office Buildings - Patrick Rowland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

e) - Site Plan/Architectural Review for Southern Beverage - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

f) - Final City Hall Change Order - Midstate Construction - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

g) - Final City Hall Change Order - Shivers Construction Co, LLC - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

h) - Final City Hall Change Order - JL Roberts Mechanical - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

i) - Hemphill Lease Extension and Time Extension Change Order for City Center Site Work Phase 1 Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

j) - Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension Phase "B" Contractors Final Pay Estimate #16 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

k) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway Renaissance Driveway Traffic Signals CE&I Pay Estimate #6 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

l) - Truck Route Permit for Old Agency Road access - 329 Bluebird Lane - Order

Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

m) - Truck Route Permit for Old Agency Road access - 100 Bob White Lane - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

n) - Approve Special Event or Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Celebrate America Balloon Glow - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

o) - Approve Special Event for Township at Colony Park- Movies in the Park - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

p) - Approve Budget Transfer for Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

q) - Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Police Donations \$949.00 and Account #010-101-540 \$949.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

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 numbered 168493 - 168767 and May 21, 2021 Payroll (\$1,517,436.56). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 2nd day of June, 2021.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK



