

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

The Mayor opened the July 6, 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 (via telephone), City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman D. I. Smith followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through June 29, 2021.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Kelly Chapin for being selected Officer of the Month for May 2021. Mayor McGee stated that Corporal Chapin serves as the Traffic Officer for the Ridgeland Police Department with duties to include the planning of and preparation for all special events held within the City, escorts, issuing citations and investigating motor vehicle accidents. Corporal Chapin works daily on a motorcycles and at times weather conditions are not ideal. During the month of May there were numerous events that required Corporal Chapin's attention, direction or attendance. Corporal Chapin's ability to plan and supervise allows for various events to run smoothly. His dedication and work ethic are a great asset to the Ridgeland Police Department. The Mayor thanked Corporal Kelly Chapin for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 14, 2021 Work Session and the June 15, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the matter of electing the Mayor Pro Tempore. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to elect Alderman Wesley Hamlin as the Mayor Pro Tempore. 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 Bill Lee moved to approve the Consent

Agenda as follows:

a) - Appointments: Paula Tierce (City Clerk/HR Director), John Neal (Police Chief), Matt Bailey (Fire Chief), Mike McCollum (Public Works Director), Alan Hart (Director of Community Development), John Sidney North (Director of Recreation & Parks); Harold McCarley (Municipal Court Judge), Bob Camp (Municipal Court Judge), Boty McDonald (Prosecutor), Charles B. Jones (Public Defender) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"

b) - Appointment of City Attorney - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"

c) - Approve Mayor Attending MML Executive Committee Meeting and MML Conference July 25, 2021 thru July 27, 2021 and to Washington, D. C. July 28, 2021 through July 30, 2021 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - Approve Board of Aldermen Attending Annual MML Convention July 25, 2021 through July 29, 2021 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Designate Voting Delegate and Alternate for MML 2021 Conference - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - Approve Truck Route Permit for Southern Beverage (Highland Colony Parkway) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) - Approve One Year Renewal of Recycling Contract with Waste Management - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

h) - Approve Authorization to Advertise for Term Bids - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

i) - Approve Authorization to Advertise for Proposals for Emergency Debris Removal and Debris Monitoring - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

j) - Approve Equipment Operator Position for EMCRRSDS - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

k) - Approve Highland Colony Parkway-Renaissance Driveways Traffic Signal Improvements CE&I Pay Estimate #7, Invoice #1072136 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

l) - Receive FY2021 Inventory - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

m) - Approve Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

n) - Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

o) - Declare Property Surplus (Administration) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

p) - Receive June 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

q) - Approve Resolution for Payment of Renaissance Phase III Infrastructure Improvements - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

Alderman Kevin Holder 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 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 169124 - 169506 and June 29, 2021 Payroll (\$2,775,884.41). Alderman Ken Heard 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 informed the Board of Aldermen of the need to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. Aldermen D. I. Smith 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 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 Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. 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 Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to grant Mayor Gene McGee the authority to negotiate in the purchase real property. 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

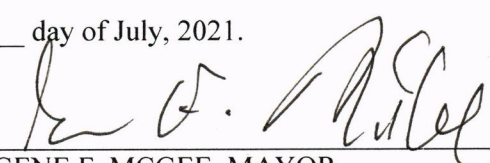
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

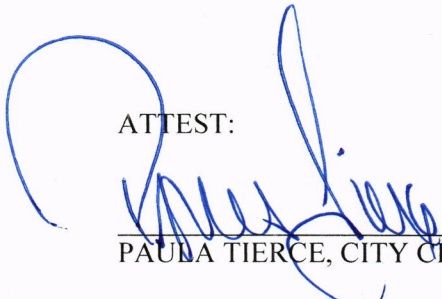
There being no other business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 12th day of July, 2021.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK



