

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 21, 2021
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the September 21, 2021 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier (via telephone), Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Mayor McGee introduced the members of St. Richard Catholic Church Boy Scout Troop 30: Cy Stephen, Jameson Clancy, Will Farthing, John Matthews, Lockard Williams, Atticus Klein, Christopher Brown, Daniel Inman, Daniel Dear, Andrew Bain, Clark Bergin, Jason Buckley, William Brown, Finley Bergin, Jackson Boteler and Scout Leader Steven Clancy. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Cy Stephen followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Jameson Clancy.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the August 2021 Financial Statement, the August 2, 2021 Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Minutes, and the September 2021 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Detective Eric Boyd for being selected "Officer of the Month" for August 2021. Mayor McGee stated that the work the Investigators do is often times the most difficult when cases involve children and families. In recent months, Detective Boyd has investigated some very mentally and emotionally challenging cases. Despite the challenges, Detective Boyd has been persistent in her efforts to ensure cases are being resolved properly. Although conditions have been tough, Detective Boyd continues to demonstrate compassion, proficiency and dedication. She speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Boyd for her hard work and dedication and encouraged her to keep up the hard work.

Next Mayor McGee announced that the City of Ridgeland was among the 22 enHance program members recognized by the Mississippi Department of environmental Quality at their August 25th luncheon. Mayor McGee stated that this program recognizes environmental stewardship beyond regulatory requirements set by the state and federal government and Ridgeland was recognized for ongoing programs conducted by the city. Mayor McGee thanked Public Works Director Mike McCollum for his hard work and dedication to develop program to reduce waste that have an impact on our environment that improves our quality of life.

Next came the presentation of the Engineering Excellence award for Lake Harbour Drive by Craig Carter the Executive Director of American Council of Engineering Companies to the City of Ridgeland and Waggoner Engineering.

Mayor McGee then announced that this was Mike McCollum's last meeting as Public Works Director. Mayor McGee thanked Mike McCollum for his many years of service and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the hearing for the cleaning of the property located at 303 Pinewood Lane. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice was given. Georgia Myrick, Code Enforcement Officer, stated that the property was in a state that is a menace to the public health and safety of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak and there was no response. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to declare the property a menace to public health, safety and/or welfare to the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. 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 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 items listed under the Consent Agenda. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

***a) - Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance for Richard Moore (Dogmud Café)
- Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"***

b) - Preliminary Plat and Covenants for Oakley Square including a variance to allow for on street parking on North Magnolia Street - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

c) - Ordinance addressing Public Works Director Authority over Community Development beginning October 1, 2021 - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"

d) - Truck Route Permit for 120 Cherry Laurel Lane (Old Agency Road) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"

e) - Approve Public Works Surplus Property List - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) - Approve Madison County Interlocal Agreement for Highland Colony Parkway Reconstruction - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) - Approve Selection Committee Recommendation of Term Bid Contract Award for Disaster Debris Removal Services - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

h) - Approve Selection Committee Recommendation of Term Bid Contract Award for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

i) - Approve Special Event Permit for Business Communications, Inc.- Open House - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

j) - Approve Special Event for Knights of Columbus- "Ring In Your Faith" 10K Run/5K

Walk - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

k) - Declare Reigning Champs Sole Source Provider for NFL Flag Football Jerseys, Flags, and Other Materials Associated with Youth Flag Football - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

l) - Approve Alderman D. I. Smith's Appointment of Major General Don Roberts to the Planning & Zoning Board - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

m) - Budget Amendment Increasing Account 325-601-760 (Highland Commerce Drive Capital Outlay - Other) \$398.60 and Decreasing Account 325-000-192 (Highland Commerce Drive Fund Balance) \$398.60 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

n) - Budget Amendment Increasing Account 220-000-391 (Renaissance III TIF Bond Proceeds) \$7,800,000.00, Increasing Account 220-450-850 (Bond Cost) \$7,489,925.50, and Increasing Account 220-000-92 (Fund Balance) \$310,074.50 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

o) - Budget Amendment Decreasing 390-601-750 (City Center - Contractor) \$490,000.00 and Increasing Account 390-601-540 (Supplies) \$295,000 and Account 390-601-604 \$195,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

p) - Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 315-000-192 (2019 Bond Issue Fund) \$84,305.38 and Increasing Account #315-601-700 (Land) \$84,305.38 for the Purchase of 664 McLaurin Road - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 170759 - 171065 and September 10, 2021 Payroll (\$1,601,273.64). Alderman Ken Heard 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

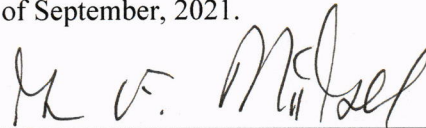
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

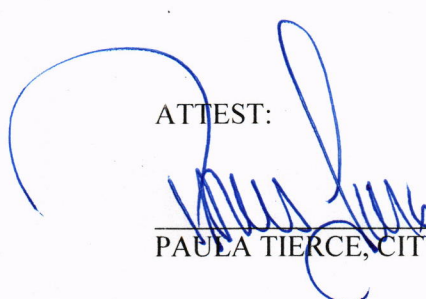
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 27th day of September, 2021.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

