

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 4, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 4, 2022 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 December 28, 2021.

Next came the recognition of Sergeant Sara Perkins for being selected the 2021 First Responder of the Year by the First Responders of Mississippi. Mayor McGee announced that Sergeant Perkins was the initial responding officer to a shooting where a subject sustained a life-threatening injury to his arm after being shot while driving on a Ridgeland street. The subject was located lying on the side of I55 with major blood loss. Sergeant Perkins was one of the first officers to reach the subject and directed medical care, to include application of a tourniquet to the injured area, which saved the subject's life. Sergeant Perkins directed other officers on her shift to various crime scenes, identified areas for evidence collection and supervised a massive crime scene while maintaining emotional control. Approximately three weeks later, Sergeant Perkins was one of the first responding officers to arrive on a homicide scene where a 15 year old victim had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. The exemplary leadership displayed by Sergeant Perkins in overseeing the logistical deployment of available personnel, securing of the crime scene, relaying vital information to superiors, and communicating with witnesses on the scene led to the identity of the previously unidentified victim. Sergeant Perkins obtained information from bystanders and vetted it for relevance in the case, subsequently relaying it to investigators who made an arrest within four hours of the homicide. Two additional responses to motor vehicle crash scenes afforded Sergeant Perkins the opportunity to extract crash victims from damaged cars prior to the arrival of EMS and Fire Department personnel. Each of these motor vehicle crashes had victims who were trapped in the vehicle and needed immediate help in being extricated. Mayor McGee thanked Sergeant Perkins for her hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 20, 2021 Work Session and the December 21, 2021 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING
300 HILLVIEW DRIVE
ZONING BOARD APPEAL**

Next came the 300 Hillview Drive - Public Hearing for Zoning Board Appeal. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the

list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Alan Hart, Public Works Director/Community Development Director, made a presentation with regard to horses being maintained at 300 Hillview Drive on a plot of land less than the required acreage per the adopted ordinance. Jim Crews, the attorney for Stacy Sinuefield, then made a presentation and offered documents, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C". The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to uphold the ruling by the Zoning Board. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

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) Accept Donation for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- b) FY 21 BJA Body-Won Camera Policy and Implementation Program Grand Awarded to the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- c) Memorandum of Understanding Between Pafford Emergency Medical Services, Inc. and the City of Ridgeland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- d) December 2021 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

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

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 173109 - 173302 and December 31, 2021 Payroll (\$1,297,153.56). Alderman Kevin Holder 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of January, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

