

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 15, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the March 15, 2022 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, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. 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 February 2022 Financial Report and the March 2022 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Detective Hunter Bridges for being selected "Officer of the Month" for February 2022. Mayor McGee announced that recently Detective Bridges transitioned back into the HIDTA Task Force position and began taking action on an investigation he had previously been working on for some time. On February 1, 2022 with search warrants for a residence in Jackson, an apartment in Ridgeland and a traffic stop, Detective Bridges along with task force officers and Ridgeland officers seized seventy-three pounds of marijuana, multiple firearms and \$20,000. These types of cases take many months of investigating, a lot of patience and careful planning. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Hunter Bridges and encouraged him to keep p the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Work Session and the March 1, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Approve Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Vacuum Excavator - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"
- b) Adopt Sole Source Letter for Central Pipe in order to purchase water meter components - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- c) Receive February 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- d) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- e) Project Resolution in support of East Lake Harbour Drive Multiuse Path - Resolution

Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"

f) Truck Route for 410 Greenwood Lane (Remodel) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"

g) Truck Route for 140 Bridgewater Crossing (Addition) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

h) Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department-Unit 303 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

i) Approve Motorola Services Agreement for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

j) Approve Special Event for Recreation and Parks Easter Egg Hunt - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

k) Approve Special Event for the Center for Integrative Health-Spring Into Wellness 5K - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

l) Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Tourism Commission- Fine Arts Festival - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

m) Accept Resignation of Shana Holt and Appoint Rhonda Shirley to the Ridgeland Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

n) Appoint Lesley Holleman of Fleet Feet to the Ridgeland Tourism Commission as the Commissioner-At-Large - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

o) Petition to Close and Vacate Certain Parts of Rights-of-Ways - Highland Colony Land Company, LLC; Kerioth Realty Company, LLC; and University of Mississippi Medical Center - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

p) Accept Resolution in Support of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Regarding the Recent Controversy Concerning the Funding of the Ridgeland Library - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 174398 - 174694 and March 11, 2022 Payroll (\$2,422,863.82). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey left the meeting and recused himself.)

Next came the consideration of the Special Event Permit Application for Ardenland- Sante South Wine Festival. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey; Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "Q"

Next came the consideration of the Resolution Declaring the City of Ridgeland's Position Regarding Library Funding. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "R"

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.)

Alderman D. I. Smith 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 Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder,

Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee; Alderman
Chuck Gautier

Nay(s): None

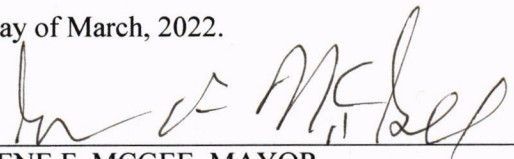
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session other than to establish a Committee, being Alderman Hamlin, Alderman Heard and Alderman Gautier, to prepare a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to be presented to the Madison County Library.

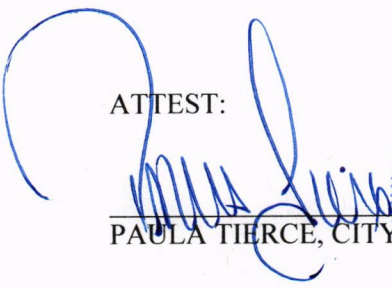
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor recessed the meeting until March 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 17th day of March, 2022.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

