

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 24, 2022
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the March 24, 2022 recessed 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, 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. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Mayor recognized the First Baptist Church of Jackson Boy Scout, Troop 8, who was present working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with the Madison County Library System. Alderman 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with the Madison County Library System. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. 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.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to accept the proposed contract tendered by the Madison County Library System, contingent upon the acceptance and approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, which the City has received and revised. Alderman Wesley Hamlin then stated that the City of Ridgeland sincerely wishes to improve communication and restore both the harmonious relationship that has been enjoyed for many years and the Board of Aldermen feels strongly that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding along with the proposed contract helps facilitate this goal. Upon acceptance and full execution of the proposed contract from all parties, as well as the City's tendered Memorandum of Understanding, the City will promptly pay all amounts currently invoiced at that time. Time is of essence, and the City needs an acceptance of this offer tendered prior to the next Board of Alderman meeting or no later than the end of business on April 8, 2022. 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. A copy of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 28th day of March, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

