

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 5, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 5, 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Mayor McGee recognized Troop 8 from First Baptist Church Jackson who were present working on their Citizenship in the Community badge. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Cullen Hardy followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Jackson Roberts.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the legal bill for services rendered through March 30, 2022 and the March 17, 2022 Zoning Board Minutes.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 14, 2022 Work Session, the March 15, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting, and the March 24, 2022 Recessed Board of Alderman meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Architectural Review for McB's Patio. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to remand the matter back to the Architectural Review Board in order for the project to be reviewed by an acoustical engineer. 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 Chuck Gautier left the meeting and recused himself.)

Next came the consideration of the Special Event- Township Jazz Festival. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

(Alderman Chuck Gautier rejoined the meeting.)

Next came the consideration to authorize legal counsel to retain such experts as may be necessary or desirable to assist with potential litigation or negotiation of matters related to the Madison County Library System. Alderman Ken Heard Lee moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by 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.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith requested that item "a" be removed. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan Review for Park Place Apartments Trees - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Approve cost share proposal to upgrade water line size to serve Highway 51 C-Store project and amend the PURF Budget by increasing 400-000-275 by \$176,395.20 and 400-650-760 by \$176,395.20 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement with H2O Analytics for the preparation of an App to assist in the Advanced Water Meter Installation project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Approve C.C. Lynch & Associates (Teledyne ISCO) Sole Source Letter - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Preliminary Engineering Contract with Neel-Schaffer for East County Line Road Resurfacing and Budget Amendment Decreasing 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) \$268,500, Increasing Account 316-000-203 (Grants) \$1,840,000, Increasing Account 316-000-275 (Aid from Government) \$268,500, Increasing Account 316-601-600 (Engineering) \$275,000, Account 316-601-601 (Legal) \$2,000, and Account 316-601-750 (Contractor) \$2,100,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Appoint Ted Arich to the Community Awareness Committee (Alderman Lee) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Budget Transfer for the Ridgeland Police Department Tactical Team - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Approve Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department- Additional Insurance Proceeds - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Approve Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department- Investigative Fees - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Approve Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department- Insurance Proceeds - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Approve Deputy Court Clerk Appointment - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Approve Special Event for Recreation and Parks- Ride of Silence - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

- m) Approve Special Event for Parkinson's Foundation- Mississippi Moving Day - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Approve Special Event for SouthernAg Credit- Customer Appreciation Crawfish Boil - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- o) Approve Special Event for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation- Great Strides Metro-Jackson - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- p) Approve Special Event for SouthernAg Credit- Customer Appreciation Fish Fry - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- q) Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department- SRPSI Training Reimbursement - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"
- r) Approve Agreement Between City of Ridgeland and BIG Construction for the Court Services Renovations - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"
- s) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund and Increasing Account 001-060-601 (Legal Fees) \$100,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- t) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"
- u) Budget Amendment Increasing Account 315-601-700 (2019 Bond Fund - Capital Outlay) and Decreasing Account 315-000-192 (2019 Bond Fund Balance) \$98,721.00 for Purchase of 608 Mallett Street - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"
- v) Approve Contract with Highland Building Services for the Cleaning of City Hall - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "w"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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 Site Plan/Architectural Review for Harbour Pointe Office. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Site Plan/Architectural Review contingent on the rendering reflecting "City of Ridgeland" and not "City of Tupelo". The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 Site Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "X"

Next came the payment of claims 74695 - 175099 and the March 25, 2022 Payroll. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 announced the need 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 Ken Heard 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. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with the Madison County Library System. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 Brian Ramsey 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 stated, "The Board has met, no votes were taken, and we ask the library Board to reconsider their rejection of the City's latest proposal. We are recessing this meeting until Friday, April 8th, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the final decision of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and City's future relationship with the Madison County Library System."

2022-000252

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of April, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

