

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 19, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 19, 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, and City Clerk Paula Tierce.

Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. 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 March 2022 Financial Statement and the April 2022 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Sidney Hughes for being selected "Officer of the Month" for March 2022. Mayor McGee announced that on March 21, 2022 officers received a call in reference to a three year old child walking in the intersection of Centre Street and Ridgewood Avenue. The child was non-verbal and could not provide information to officers. Officer Hughes took it upon himself to canvas the area for any evidence leading to the child's parents. He conducted multiple interviews of persons in and around the hotels and businesses on Ridgewood Road and Centre Street. After many dead ends, Officer Hughes' investigation led to the discovery of three more unsupervised children in an opened third floor hotel room. Officer Hughes' investigation led to the identity and arrest of two individuals on child abuse charges and the safe relocation of four small children. Mayor McGee commended Officer Sidney Hughes for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Work Session and the April 5, 2022, April 8, 2022 and April 11, 2022 Board of Aldermen meetings. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the public hearing for the cleaning of 111 Ridgeway Drive. Alan Hart, Director of Public Works/Community Development announced that the property had been cleaned and the matter could be removed from the agenda.

Next came the consideration of a Special Event for MCB's Bar and Grill Annual Crawfish Boil. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

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

Next came the acceptance of a \$1,600 Donation from Rotary Club of Madison Ridgeland for a park bench at Freedom Ridge and the consideration of a Budget Amendment decreasing account 001-000-348 (Donations Restricted) \$1,600.00 and increasing accounts 001-340-730 \$1,082.00 and 001-340-540 \$518. Alderman D.I. Smith 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 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Word of Life Church - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Watkins Construction Office Building - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Chipotle - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Petition and Application for Conditional Use for Aileron Ridgeland LLC (Chipotle) - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Authority to Advertise a Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services on ARPA-Funded Projects and Establish Selection Committee Consisting of Alan Hart, Brian Johnson, Chris Bryson, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman D. I. Smith, and Mayor Gene McGee - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Authority to Advertise for Bids for Construction of Ridgewood Road Drainage Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Rice Road Extension Final Construction Contract Change Order, Payment Request No. 9 and No. 10-Final, & Project Close-Out Submittals - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Approve Special Event for Catholic Charities- Run Foster Run - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- i) Approve Special Event for Central Mississippi Realtors- Kaleidoscope 5K Colorthon - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- k) Special Event- Southern AgCredit- Jingle Bell Jog - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Special Event Permit- Alzheimer's Association-Walk to End Alzheimer's - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- m) Approve Special Event- Word of Life Post Easter Invite Weekend - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Approve General Services Agreement for Right-of-Way Professional Services, iROW for Lake Harbour Drive/Hwy 51 Intersection Improvements and Ridgewood Rd Drainage Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- o) Accept February 2022 and March 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- p) Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-000-258 (DUI Grant Revenue) \$6,264.93 and Increasing Account 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) \$6,264.93 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

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 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 175100 - 175401 and April 8, 2022 Payroll (\$1,562,977.36). Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor then announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and a personnel issue. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss litigation and a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Aldermen 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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and a personnel issue. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to leave Executive Session. 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 Kevin Holder

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

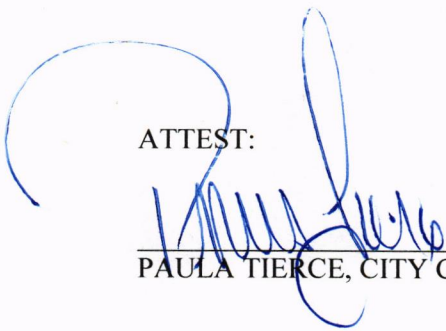
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of April, 2022.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK