

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 17, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the May 17, 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 (via telephone), City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Fire Chief Matt Bailey followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the minutes of the February, March, and April 2022 Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee meetings; the 2021 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Ridgeland Public Water System; the April 2022 Financial Statement; and the May 2022 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer LaChondra Williams for being selected "Officer of the Month" for April 2022. The Mayor announced that on April 30, 2022 Officer Williams responded to a call at a hotel located on Ridgewood Road. Three children and two dogs were left unattended in a room that was unfit. The children were filthy and it was clear that they had been left for hours. Child Protective Services was contacted and the children were escorted to the Police Department. Officer Williams spent six hours ensuring the children were properly cared for and supervised while waiting on Child Protective Services. Officer Williams along with other officers pooled their money and purchased food, diapers and clothing as well as procured markers, crayons and coloring books for the children. Officer Williams' efforts allowed these children to have a great day at the Police Department and they left well-fed and clothed. Mayor McGee thanked Officer LaChondra for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and encouraged her to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 2, 2022 and May 5, 2022 Work Session and the May 3, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Subdivision Regulations Variance Request for Entergy (Southern AgCredit). Alderman Kevin Holder moved to allow a temporary pole until a committee could review the Subdivision Regulations Variance and make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. 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. The Mayor appointed Alderman Kevin Holder,

Alderman Chuck Gautier, and Alderman DI Smith as the committee to review the Subdivision Regulations and make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Next came the consideration of the Resolution Determining Harbour Pointe Project Eligible for Tax Increment Financing Under the Laws of the State, that a Public Hearing be Conducted in Connection with the Amended Tax Increment Financing Plan, and for Related Purposes. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of modifying the trash and recycle pick-up days by Waste Management. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to table the matter until the June 7, 2022 meeting. 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.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Authorize the Mayor to sign the attached revised Second Amendment to the Tower Attachment Lease Agreement with T Mobile South, LLC - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Budget Amendment to transfer \$1,000 from 001-201-740 (Streets and Maintenance) to 001-180-740 (Community Development) in order to purchase the truck planned for this fiscal year - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Ridgewood Road Drainage Memorandum of Understanding Extension - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve ARPA Engineering Consultant Selection - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Project Budget for South Highland Colony Parkway Rebuild - Order Attached Hereto As

Exhibit "F"

f) Recommendation of Award for the Vacuum Excavator - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"

g) Approval of Ambiance Landscape Service Proposal for the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"

h) Approve Budget Amendment for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

i) Accept Donation from Cline Tours for the Ridgeland Police Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

j) Approve Special Event for Fleet Feet- "The Big Run" - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

k) Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Balloon Glow - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"

l) Sewer Adjustment of \$11.44 on Account #04-8615-00 (200 Winsmere Way) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

m) Designate Mayor Gene McGee Voting Delegate and Alderman Ken Heard Alternate for MML 2022 Convention - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

n) Accept April 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

o) Approve Increasing Allotted Paramedic Positions from 12 to 15 and Increasing Stipend from \$6,000 to 10,000 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 175645 - 176013 and the May 6, 2022 Payroll (\$1,757,743.56). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to pay all claims with the exception of the payment to the Madison County Library System, being claim #175886, and authorized the City Clerk to release said payment to the Madison County Library System once all parties approve and execute the 2022 contract. 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 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 Executive Session to discuss potential litigation as well as a personnel issue. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation as well as a personnel issue. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss potential litigation as well as 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 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 Chuck Gautier moved to appoint Lt. Brian Myers Chief of Police effective July 1, 2022 at the rate of pay for said position adopted for Fiscal Year 2022. 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.

Alderman Bill Lee 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

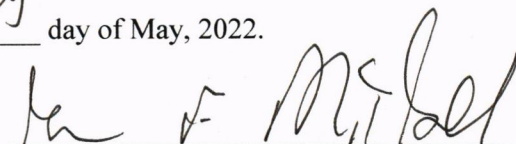
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

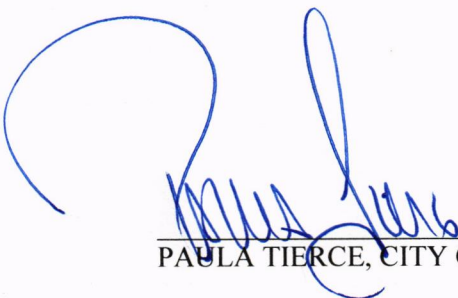
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of May, 2022.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

