

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
June 21, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the June 21, 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 . 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 May 2022 Financial Statement and the June 2022 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Chris Clark being selected "Officer of the Month" for May 2022. Mayor McGee announced that on May 9, 2022, Officer Clark and other officers were dispatched to a Ridgeland apartment complex in reference to subjects vandalizing property. Upon arrival, Officer Clark determined the suspects had fled the scene. Officer Clark located the suspect's vehicle and identified the occupants. It was later determined the five individuals in the vehicle had broken into multiple vacant apartments and vandalized them. All five suspects were charged with burglary and drug charges. Mayor McGee then stated that on May 10, 2022, Officer Clark was assisting Sergeant Chaplin with a vehicle accident when he heard gun shots coming from the Pine Knoll area. Officer Clark was able to identify a male fitting the description provided. The subject was suicidal and Officer Clark was able to get the subject transported for mental services and possibly saving the man and his family from violence caused by mental distress. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Chris Clark for being selected "Officer of the Month" and stated that he handled both of the above mentioned calls professionally and without incident and that his actions prevented further damage to property and kept a man from possibly ending his life.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.)

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 6, 2022 Work Session and the June 7, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of a request to extend the Petition and Application for Condition Use Permit dated February 16, 2022 for the 15.7545 acres on Highland Colony Parkway to July 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Establishing Regulations Governing Boring Operations within the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman D.I. Smith 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 Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier requested that item "h" be removed. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Authorize Mayor and Board of Aldermen to Attend the 2022 MML Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Surplus Equipment - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department- Unit 281 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Declare Surplus Property for the Ridgeland Police Department- Duty Weapon - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Special Event- Twilight Concert at Renaissance - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Approve Special Event for Ridgeland Recreation and Parks- Mayor's Fun Walk - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Special Event for Central Mississippi Realtors- Member Appreciation - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Architectural Review for Wingate Hotel - Paint - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Truck Route Permit for 103 Bridgewater Bend (New House) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Accept Polly Hammett's Resignation from Madison County Library Board of Trustees Effective June 17, 2022 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Appoint Lana Odom to the Madison County Library Board of Trustees as the Ridgeland Representative effective June 22, 2022 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- m) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance and Increasing Account 001-350-637 for Library Roof Replacement \$50,000 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

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.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting)

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Architectural Review for the Embassy Suites for paintings. 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 Architectural Review is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

(Alderman Chuck Gautier rejoined the meeting)

Next came the payment of claims 76374 - 176728 and the June 17, 2022 Payroll (\$2,848,769.53). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Mayor McGee announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. Alderman Kevin Holder 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 Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Bill Lee moved to leave Executive Session. 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.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session. Mayor McGee then announced that this was the last meeting for John Neal as Chief of Police and thanked Chief Neal for his service to the City of Ridgeland. Mayor McGee also announced that there was a reception honoring Chief Neal on Friday, June 24th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 23RD day of June, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

