

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

The Mayor opened the July 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. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through June 24, 2022 along with information regarding the recent appointment to the Madison County Library System Board of Trustees.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the appointment of Jerry Mills as City Attorney for Period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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. A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to remove item "a". Alderman Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance for Freedom Ridge Properties (Crosstown Builders) - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"

- b) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Crosstown Builders - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to sign General Service Agreements with Engineers for ARPA-related projects - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- d) Authorize an extension of the Jackson Street Parking Landscape Maintenance Contract and the County Line Road Landscape Maintenance Contract - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- e) Subdivision Regulations Variance request for Southern Ag Credit and Concourse Subdivision (Highland Colony Land Company) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Approve Special Event for MS Race Timing- Madison Half Marathon - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between the MS Bureau of Narcotics and the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- h) Approve Contract with CivicReady - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) June 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Accept Report of Historical Society - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"

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
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for a Conditional Use Permit for BG Capital (coin laundry). After discussion, Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to table the matter until two weeks before the 90 day deadline, which is September 6, 2022. 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
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 176729 - 176940 and July 1, 2022 Payroll (\$2,014,067.47). 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.

The Mayor announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Ken Heard moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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.

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 additional business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of July, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

