

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
August 16, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the August 16, 2022 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier (via telephone), Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman D.I. Smith. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Detective Erin Boyd for being named "Officer of the Month" for July 2022. Mayor McGee stated that on July 23, 2022, Detective Erin Boyd was called out to investigate an Armed Robbery of an individual at Rodeway Inn involving three suspects. Detective Boyd promptly verified that the robbery occurred and began to collect evidence and interview the victim. During the investigation, using evidence obtained from the scene, Detective Boyd was able to identify a suspect vehicle and was also able to positively identify one of the suspects involved in the robbery. Detective Boyd obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. On the evening of Monday, July 25, 2022, Detective Boyd, utilizing law enforcement technology, learned that the suspect vehicle was in the area of the Roadway Inn. Patrol Officers were able to locate the vehicle in the parking lot of the Rodeway Inn and in the vehicle officers encountered the suspect that Detective Boyd had previously identified. He was placed under arrest for the outstanding arrest warrant and two other suspects were also arrested in the vehicle for drug and weapon charges. Detective Boyd responded to the scene and upon searching the suspect vehicle, she found additional evidence linked to the robbery which included a mask and a hat that two of the suspects were wearing during the robbery. Multiple firearms including an assault rifle was also recovered from the vehicle. Detective Boyd was also able to recover the victim's property from the suspected robbers. That same night, Detective Boyd interviewed all three suspects and two of the three suspects confessed to being involved in the robbery and they also implicated the third suspect who did not confess. She also learned during the interviews that the suspects had returned to the Rodeway Inn to attempt to commit another robbery before being stopped by the police. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Boyd for her hard work and dedication and stated that, due to her determination and professionalism, three violent suspects were quickly arrested and taken off the street. Mayor McGee encouraged Detective Boyd to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 1, 2022 Work Session and the August 2, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the public hearing to Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response.. Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Kevin Holder requested that item "b" be removed. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for John White (Two Gun Tactical) - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Table the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Ridgeland Hospitality (Tru Hotel) to the September 6, 2022 Meeting - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Authorize the Community Development Division to advertise the Residential Rental Inspection Code for a public comment period through September 15, 2022 at 5pm and a Public Hearing on September 20, 2022 before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- d) Approve Task Order 1 for Waggoner Engineering to assist in the submittals for ARPA Grants - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Job Description for City Landscape Architect Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) July 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Declare Reigning Champs Sole Source Provider for NFL Flag Football Equipment - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Accept Donation Deed for property behind Pafford Emergency Services and check for \$34,073.80 for sewer extension - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Approve Engagement Letter for FY2022 Audit - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Deputy Court Clerk Appointment for Sgt. Mark Penn (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Approve Change Order #3 for the Court Renovations Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Surplus Duty Weapons for Assistant Chief Eric Redd (Retired) and Sgt. Ray Daniels (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- M) Special Event - Jackson Metro Cyclist - Trekkin' the Trace (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund \$100,000 and Increasing Account 001-060-601 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- o) Approve Contract with CivicPlus for the ClickFix Program for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- p) Approve Task Order Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Waggoner Engineering and the City of Ridgeland - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"
- q) Harbour Pointe TIF - Extend Deadline for Development and Reimbursement Agreement to September 30, 2022 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"

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 Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman DI Smith

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan/Architectural Review for Two Gun Tactical. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve contingent upon the addition of a rear screen wall for the mechanical units on the roof that is acceptable to the Public Works Director. 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 Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman D Smith

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Site Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "S".

Next came the payment of claims 177546 - 177851 and 8/12/2022 Payroll (\$1,322,462.32). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman DI Smith

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss going 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 Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman DI Smith

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. 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,

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Ken Heard moved to leave Executive Session. 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 Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

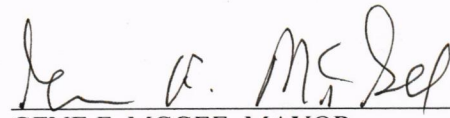
Absent: Alderman DI Smith

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.

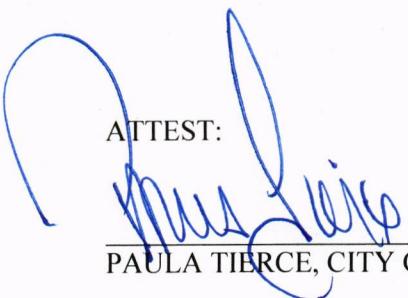
The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 17th day of August, 2022.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

