

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
October 18, 2022
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the October 18, 2022 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee (via telephone), City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Ken Heard. 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 the October 2022 Sales Tax Report and the September 2022 Financial Statement.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 3, 2022 Work Session and the October 4, 2022 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the recognition of Detective Mitch Tate for being selected "Officer of the Month" for September 2022. Mayor McGee stated that in the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 7, 2022, Ridgeland Police Officers responded to The Vineyard liquor store on South Wheatley in reference to a burglary alarm. Officers found that the business was broken into and multiple bottles of high-value liquor were stolen. Detective Mitch Tate responded and processed the crime scene. It was discovered that approximately \$10,000 in liquor was stolen, including one bottle that had a value of approximately \$3,400. Detective Tate obtained surveillance video from The Vineyard as well as from surrounding businesses, which enabled him to identify a possible suspect vehicle with an Illinois temporary tag. Detective Tate contacted the Illinois State Police and was able to gain information regarding the vehicle's owner. Detective Tate learned that the owner of the vehicle had ties to Lawrence County, Mississippi. Detective Tate obtained surveillance video footage from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office when the suspect checked in there for a court ordered monitoring regarding his probation. Detective Tate was able to obtain surveillance video footage from the day before the burglary and found the suspect in The Vineyard. It was discovered that the suspect was wearing the same clothing in The Vineyard as he had when meeting with his Probation Officer. Detective Tate also obtained video from a pawn shop further linking the suspect to the suspected vehicle. These videos enabled Detective Tate to positively identify the suspect and sign the appropriate burglary charges. The suspect was later arrested with the assistance of the Lawrence County Sheriff's Officer and was interviewed at the Ridgeland Police Department by Detective Tate, who confessed to the burglary. Mayor McGee congratulated Detective Mitch Tate for being selected "Officer of the Month" for September and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting.)

Next came the consideration of a Special Event for Movies in the Park Township at Colony Park (Police Department). 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 Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement for Renaissance II. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Amended and Restated Development Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

(Alderman Chuck Gautier joined the meeting.)

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

- a) Approve Ridgeland Harbor Pointe Resolution Extension #5 of the Development and Reimbursement Agreement - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit - Ridgeland Hospitality, LLC (Tru by Hilton) - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Set Public Hearing to Amend the Future Land Use and Transportation Plan of the City of Ridgeland - November 15th, 2022 at 6 p.m. before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Annual Adoption of the Long Range Improvement Plan for the Ridgeland Public Water System - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve 2022 Risk Management Plan Update for Ridgeland Public Water System - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Approve updated EPA Emergency Response Plan for the Ridgeland Public Water System - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Special Event - Boys & Girls Club Blues by Starlight (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Special Event - Colonial Heights Baptist Church Hearts of Compassion 5K Run (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Special Event - Twilight Concerts at Renaissance (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

- j) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Tru Hotel - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Special Event Word of Life Fall Fest (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Budget Amendment - Transfer FY22 Funds to FY23 (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As exhibit "M"
- m) Authorize City Clerk to Advertise for City Depository for Calendar Years 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Receive September 30, 2022 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- o) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing ARPA Fund Balance \$17,500 and Increasing Account 476-650-604 \$17,500 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- p) Accept FY2022 Inventory - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"
- q) Void Privilege License Numbers 2022-01638 thru 2022-99999 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"
- r) Declare 2004 Buick Regal (VIN #2G4WB55K641215111) Surplus and Authorize Donation to the Town of Tchula - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"
- s) Declare Property Surplus - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"
- t) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"

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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 178770 - 179141 and October 7, 2022 Payroll (\$2,242,535.89). 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 24th day of October, 2022.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

