

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 17, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 17, 2023 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 Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the December 2022 Financial Statement and the January 2023 Sales Tax Report.

Next Officer Phillip Kendrick was recognized for being selected "Officer of the Month" for December 2022. Mayor McGee stated that on December 19, 2022, a citizen was eating dinner at the Pelican Cove Grill when he noticed his missing jacket and keys. The citizen went outside to discover his car had been stolen. Officers watched the video at Pelican Cove and were able to gain a suspect description. Officer Kendrick was later dispatched to a call of an assault at Shucker's Oyster Bar where he recognized the suspect from the description given earlier. Ultimately, the suspect was identified and arrested and the victim's car was promptly located and returned. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Phillip Kendrick for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work. Officer Kendrick then thanked the Mayor and Board for the opportunity to begin his law enforcement career with Ridgeland as well as their support of the department.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 3, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Mosquito Testing/Spraying Contract with VDCI. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): Alderman Kevin Holder

Abstention(s): None

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

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

- a) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Whirl Smoothie - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Approve Final Plat for Lamberts Landing Subdivision - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Exercise Renewal option for the Roadside and Highland Colony Parkway Maintenance Contract with US Lawns - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Round-a-bout and I-55 Maintenance Contract - US Lawns - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Northpark and Lake Harbour Drive Landscaping Contract - US Lawns - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Consider Resolution concerning Application to the Jackson MPO Transportation Alternatives Program for the Steed Road Connector Multi-use Trail Project - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Consider Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Authorizing Submittal of MCWI Grant Program (Second Round of Funding) Application - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Approve Engineer's List of approved Drainage Projects - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) Approve Truck Route for 700 North Agency Lane (Pool) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Surplus Fixed Asset Rifles to be Donated to Newton County Sheriff's Office. (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Surplus Fixed Asset Vehicles to Donate to Durant PD (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Fixed Asset/Surplus (Fire Dept.) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- m) Authority to Advertise - Ridgeland Tennis Center Lighting Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

o) Approve Appointment of Becky Tilton to the Community Awareness Committee by Alderman Wesley Hamlin - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 180573 - 180851 and January 13, 2023 Payroll (\$2,378,594.01). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor announced that there would be a special called meeting for the Jackson Street redevelopment on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

There being no other business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of January, 2023.

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Paula Tierce
PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

