

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
February 21, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the February 21, 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 Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the January 2023 Financial Statement and the February 2023 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Justin Sones for being selected "Officer of the Month" for January 2023. Mayor McGee announced that on January 26, 2023, Corporal Sones took a report from Fastening Solution in reference to a piece of expensive equipment that was purchased using a stolen credit card.

Corporal Sones obtained a license plate number of the suspect vehicle and advised fellow officers to be on the lookout for the vehicle. Another Ridgeland officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver and occupants. Corporal Sones used that information to develop the correct suspect and then signed an affidavit for a warrant. Corporal Sones served the warrant and recovered the expensive equipment for the victimized company. Corporal Sones' investigation uncovered a criminal enterprise that may have spanned over state lines where other jurisdictions will be able to recover more merchandise and make other arrests. Mayor McGee thanked Corporal Sones for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Work Session and the February 7, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Budget Amendment - Insurance Proceeds for Unit 383 (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"
 - b) Court Services Renovations Final Payment and Change Order (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
 - c) Ridgeland Police Department Host Training Classes (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
 - d) Special Event Balloon Glow (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
 - e) Special Event BCBS of MS Fun Run (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
 - f) Special Event Century Ride (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
 - g) Special Event Easter Egg Hunt (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
 - h) Special Event Shucker's Crawfish Boil (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
 - i) Special Event Christ Covenant Fundraiser (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
 - j) Approve Appointment of Carla Palmer of CPA Realty, LLC to City of Ridgeland Tourism Board of Directors as Commissioner-At-Large by the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
 - k) Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
 - l) Authorize the Community Development Division to advertise a Request for Proposals for 3rd party inspectors and establish a selection committee of Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Bryan Johnson, and Alan Hart
 - m) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement between iWorQ Systems, Inc and the City of Ridgeland to provide software to manage the Rental Licensing and Inspections
- Adopt and Ordinance Regulating the Installation of Grease Interceptors, the Cleaning of Grease Interceptors, and the Transportation and Disposal of Grease Interceptor Waste in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, MS - REMOVED
- o) Approve Truck Route Permit for 101 Water Oak Lane (pool) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

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 181192 - 181509, February 10, 2023 and February 13, 2023 Payrolls (\$2,062,540.72). Alderman D.I. Smith 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 the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the possibility of going into Executive Session to discuss 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Establishment of Just Compensation Offers on Parcel # 001-00-00-W-1-001 thru Q-005 in the amount of \$1,078,000 and \$27,000 for Parcel # 001-00-00-X for the Lake Harbour Drive Improvements. 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 Establishment of Just Compensation Offer forms are attached hereto as Exhibit "O".

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. 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

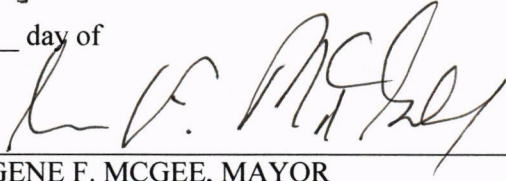
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

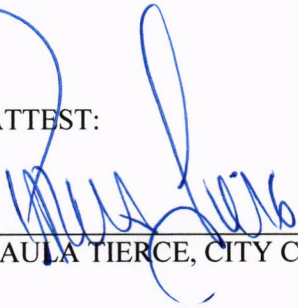
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 28th day of



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

