

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

The Mayor opened the June 6, 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 John Scanlon, 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 were provided a copy of the May 19, 2023 letter from the Historical Committee and the City Attorney Statement for services through May 26, 2023.

Next came the recognition of Nicolas Gerard Rowen for his recent graduation from the U. S. Navel Academy, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology and a commission as a U. S. Navy Ens. Mayor McGee stated that it is a blessing to see young men and women in our community strive to achieve their goals. Nicolas Rowen is a shining example and the City of Ridgeland commends you on your most recent accomplishment. Not only did Nicolas excel academically, but he also dedicate his time to football, the gospel choir, the boxing team at the Academy, and was a member of the National Society of Black Engineers. Mayor McGee thanked Nicolas Rowen for giving back to Ridgeland during his high school years. With a full academic schedule at Madison Ridgeland Academy, sports, drama, and choir, he made time to volunteer at Wee Care Daycare, Night to Shine, which enables special need students to have the same high school experiences similar as other students, Big Iron Ministry out of Trace Ridge Baptist Church, and with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes during their Christmas fundraiser. Mayor McGee then presented Nicolas Rowen with a Proclamation and again congratulated him on his achievements and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Next came the recognition of Training Officer Stephen Webb for being selected "Officer of the Month" for April 2023. Mayor McGee announced that Training Officer Stephen Webb returned to the Ridgeland Police Department in September, 2022 and was soon after chosen as the department's Training Officer in January, 2023. Shortly after taking this office, Officer Webb took it upon himself to assist the Chief's office with finalizing plans for the purchase of much needed body cameras and new in-car cameras. This task is not in the Training Officer's list of duties and responsibilities. Officer Webb met with the proper vendors, studied the budget, finalized a federal grant that was earmarked for this purchase and prepared a detailed proposal that was used by the Chief of Police to present this purchase to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for approval. Ultimately, Officer Webb's initiative and determination resulted in the approval of the proposal and the department is awaiting the delivery of the new equipment. These cameras will assist the department in investigations and oversight of officer conduct. Officers working for the City of Ridgeland will have a new tool on their uniform that will protect them from liability as they perform their duties professionally. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Stephen Webb for all his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Work Session and the May 16, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the cleaning of the property located at 317 Sagewood Drive, Ridgeland, MS. Public Works Director Alan Hart informed the Board of Aldermen the property had been cleaned to the point that it did not meet the requirements of adjudication, but he would request that the matter be continued until the June 20, 2023 meeting. Mr. J. B. Sutton, who resides at 215 Sagewood Drive, made comments and voiced his concerns to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to continue the June 20, 2023 meeting. 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.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Aplos at the Renaissance - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"
- b) Approve Truck Route Permit for 370 Old Agency Road - St. Andrews (Football Field) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve Pay Estimate #6 for City Wide Traffic Signal Safety Improvements, Lewis Electric, April 11, 2023-May 30, 2023 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- d) Approve Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Professional Services Contract for Preliminary Engineering & Surveying on Lake Harour Drive Westbound Travel Lanes & Multi-Use Path Reconstruction Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve Michael Baker International, Inc. Consultant Selection for Construction Engineering & Inspection (CE&I) Services for U.S. Highway 51 -Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- f) Approve Michael Baker International, Inc. Supplemental Agreement No.1 to their Preliminary Engineering Professional Services Contract for U.S. Highway 51 - Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- g) Surplus John Deere Pro Gator and Authorize Donation to Ridgeland High School Athletic Department - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- h) Approve the Contract between the City of Ridgeland Police Department and Essential Touchstones, LLC. (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- i) Approve Sole Source Letter from Motorola Solutions (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- j) Approve Budget Amendment to transfer \$100,000 from the Gas and Oil account to the Overtime account. (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- k) Accept and Transfer MLEOTA Training Reimbursement (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- l) Reappoint Lana Odom as the Ridgeland Representative to the Madison County Library Board of Trustees - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- m) Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 390-000-192 \$3,158.67 and Increasing Account

390-601-760 for Purchase of Display Cabinet for History Room - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

n) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"

o) May 2023 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

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

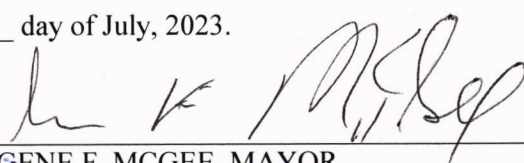
The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 183295 - 183624 and May 19, 2023 Payroll (\$2,119,03.81). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

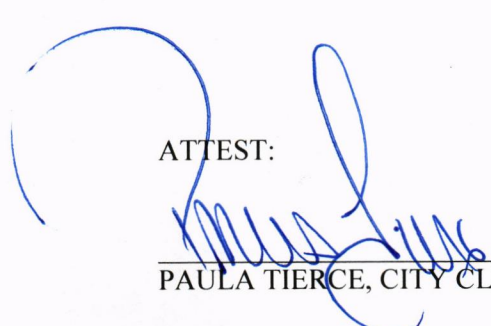
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of July, 2023.


GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

