

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
June 20, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the June 20, 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, and City Attorney Jerry Mills. City Clerk Paula Tierce was absent, but minutes were taken by Lisa Walters, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Officer Bryce Winstead for being selected "Officer of the Month" for May 2023. Mayor McGee announced that Officer Winstead received a telephone call from a citizen who told him that there was a female sitting on the side of State Street, behind Target inside Jackson, who appeared to be seriously injured and bleeding profusely. Officer Winstead used his tourniquet to stop an arterial bleed on the female's right arm. Officer Winstead later was informed that the female was in surgery and that she was expected to make a full recovery. Later this same day, an off-duty Ridgeland firefighter, who was working for AMR Ambulance Service at the time, informed the Ridgeland Police Department that Officer Winstead's quick response and medical attention likely save the young woman's life. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Winstead for his service to the citizens of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the May 2023 Financial Statement and the June 2023 Sales Tax Report.

The Mayor announced the Boy Scout Sam Cobb from Troop 8, First Baptist Church Jackson, was present working on the Citizenship in the Community badge.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Work Session and the June 6, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the public hearing regarding Cleaning of Private Property - 317 Sagewood Drive, which was continued from June 5, 2023. 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". Robert Ray, Code Enforcement Officer, requested that the Board declare the property located at 317 Sagewood Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Photographs of the property were presented and are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". 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. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property located at 317 Sagewood

Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Alderman D. I. Smith 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 public hearing regarding Cleaning of Private Property - 206 Peach Orchard. 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 "C". Robert Ray, Code Enforcement Officer, requested that the Board declare the property located at 206 Peach Orchard, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Photographs of the property were presented and are attached hereto as Exhibit "D". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and Shawn McDaniel and Frankie Bevill both asked the Board of Aldermen for additional time for cleaning the property. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property located at 206 Peach Orchard, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Alderman D. I. Smith 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 public hearing regarding Cleaning of Private Property - 322 South Wheatley Street. 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 "E". Robert Ray, Code Enforcement Officer, requested that the Board declare the property located at 322 South Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Photographs of the property were presented and are attached hereto as Exhibit "F". 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. The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Alderman Bill Lee moved to declare the property located at 322 South Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to be a menace to the public health and safety to the community. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 request of the Director of Public Works to approve a Temporary Wireless Communication Facility located behind Altitude Trampoline Park and Crunch Fitness including up to three (3) renewals for a total of a one (1) year period while a new tower location is being considered contingent that AT&T shows good faith in making progress toward removing abandoned pedestals and other boxes through the city; that AT&T shows good faith in making progress toward relocating the broken facilities on Richardson Road, including removing any debris left behind; and that AT&T shows good faith in properly maintaining facilities throughout the City of Ridgeland including pedestals boxes, fenced facility areas, and hub facilities by keeping them in a good working and maintained condition. 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 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Landscape Contract with U. S. Lawns for City Hall - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- b) Surplus Weapons to Sell (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- c) Surplus Vehicles (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- d) Approve Sole Source Letter from Badger Meter - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Neel-Schaffer CE&I Contract for East County Line Road Resurfacing Improvements Project pending MDOT concurrence - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- f) Authorize Mayor to Request Project Activation with MDOT for Steed Road TA Project - Steed Road Connector Multi-Use Path and Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$591,325, Increasing Account 385-000-203 (Grants), Increasing Account 385-601-600 (Engineering) \$210,000, Increasing Account 385-601-601 (Legal) \$2,000, Increasing Account 385-601-750 (Contractor) \$1,272,750, and Increasing Account 385-601-760 (Other Costs) \$1,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- g) Approve Truck Route Permit for 110 Bridgewater Bend (house) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- h) Approve Truck Route Permit for 113 Bridgewater Bend (house) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- i) Approve Truck Route Permit for 131 Bridgewater Crossing (house-small renovation) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

j) Accept Resignation of Larry Miller from the Zoning Board and Approve Moving David Dunbar from the Architectural Review Board to the Zoning Board - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"

k) Approve Appointment Rick Eades to the Architectural Review Board by Mayor Gene McGee - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 183625 - 183979 and June 16, 2023 Payroll (\$1,705,047.46). 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 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 pending litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. 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, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

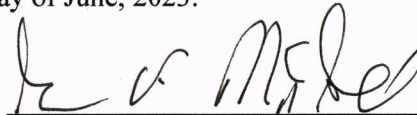
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no 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 6:43 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, 22nd day of June, 2023.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

