

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
August 15, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the August 15, 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 (via telephone), Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the recognition of Officer Shannon Hall for being selected "Officer of the Month" for July 2023. Mayor McGee announced that on Monday, July 10, 2023, Officer Hall responded to a call about a child being covered in bruises and abrasions. The caller advised that when the mother dropped off her son she was also covered in bruises. The babysitter examined the child and discovered bruises and a cut with major swelling on the back of the child's head. The caretaker advised that this was the second time the child had been dropped off with bruises. Officer Hall requested Ridgeland Fire Department and Pafford to examine the child. It was recommended the child be transported to Batson Hospital for evaluation. Officer Hall then contacted Child Protective Services and started a case with them. Officer Hall later found out that once the mother got to Batson, the Child Protective Service representative spoke with her and determined that the mother was only 17 years old and the boyfriend had been physically abusing her and her son. Child Protective Services took custody of the mother and the baby. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Hall for her hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged her to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the July 31, 2023 Work Session and the August 1, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Next came the public hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. 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". City Clerk Paula Tierce made a presentation regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget. 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.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Suplus Items (Public Works) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Approve CPI Adjustments for Solid Waste and Recycling - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Approve Pay Application #2 for Hemphill Construction for work on Ridgewood Road Drainage - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Approve Agreement with PPM Consultants for Asbestos Survey at 107 Lake Harbour Drive (Strip Center next to old City Hall) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Special Event - Madison Half Marathon (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Special Event - Trekkin the Trace (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Ridgeland Fire Department Approval for Grant Application - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"
- h) Sewer Adjustment of \$1,489.09 for Account #08-4103-01 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- i) July 2023 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 184728 - 185078 and August 11, 2023 Payroll (\$1,747,491.57). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Wesley Hamlin

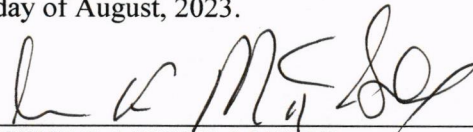
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

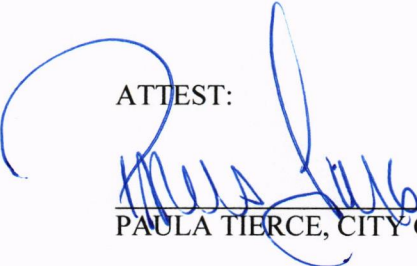
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 16th day of August, 2023.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

