

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 5, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the September 5, 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 D. I. Smith followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the activity report of the Historical Committee for the period of August 2022 to August 2023 and the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through August 30, 2023.

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

Next came the cleaning of the private property located at 474 South Wheatley, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. City Clerk Paula Tierce adjudicated that proper notice was made to the land owner; a copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Code Enforcement Officer Robert Ray and Public Works Director Alan Hart made a presentation regarding the cleaning of the property located at 474 South Wheatley. The Mayor asked if there was person present who wanted to speak about the property and comments were made by Mr. Robert Powell. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare the property a menace to the public health and safety of the community and authorized the Community Development Department to work with the property owners in the demolition process. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith 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 cleaning of the property located at 6956 Old Canton Road. City Clerk Paula Tierce adjudicated proper notice to the landowner. A copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Code Enforcement Officer Robert Ray provided photographs of the property and requested that the property be declared a menace to the public health and safety of the community. The Mayor asked if there was any person present who wanted to speak about the property and Jerry Bolden spoke on behalf of the owners. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property a menace to the public health and safety of the community and authorized the Community Development Department to work with the owners of the subject property to either bring the building up to code or with the demolition of said property. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 consideration of the Petition and Application for Conditional Use for AirSpaces, LLC (Cell Tower). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

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

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan / Architectural Review for AirSpaces, LLC (Cell Tower). 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 Bill Lee, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Chuck Gautier,
Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Wesley Hamlin
Nay(s): Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Kevin Holder
Abstention(s): None

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

Next came the consideration of the 2023 Tax Rolls as Provided by the Madison County Tax Assessor. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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. A copy of the 2023 Tax Rolls are attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

Next came the consideration of the Order Setting Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2024. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder 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. A copy of the Order Setting Millage Rate for Fiscal year 2024 is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

Next came the consideration of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget . Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder 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. A copy of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

Next came the consideration of a 3% Increase for full-time employees including the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, excluding Alderman Ken Heard due to the income limitation set forth by the Public Employees Retirement System for retirees, effective October 1, 2023. 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 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 consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Table Petition and Application for Conditional Use for First Commercial Bank to October 3, 2023 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- b) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Guaranty Bank - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"
- c) Final Closeout Documents for Citywide Traffic Signal Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- d) Approve MOU for the MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Grant for improvements to Freedom Ridge Park - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- e) Budget Amendment Transferring \$5,802 from 001-201-604 to 001-250-604 (Health and Safety Account) for Mosquito Spraying Services - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- f) Approval of Truck Route for Pond Restoration project in Bridgewater I - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- g) Grant Authority to Public Works to re-advertise Term Bids for certain items - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- h) Authorize Mayor Gene McGee to sign the Task Order with Waggoner Engineering for the preparation of a Grant Application for the redevelopment of West Jackson Street - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- i) Approve Revisions to the Ridgeland Fire Department Operating Policies - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- j) Application and Agreement with Boondocks Firearms Training Academy (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"
- k) Multi-jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding between Madison PD, Madison County S.O., and Ridgeland PD. (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"
- l) Declare RCS Sports, LLC Sole Source Provider for NFL - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"
- m) Approve Letter of Engagement with Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC for the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"
- n) Approve Sewer Adjustment of \$24.18 to Account #04-3100-01 and \$40.30 to Account 09-0490-04 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"

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 consideration of the claims 185079 - 185409, August 14, 2023 Supplemental Payroll, and August 25, 2023 Payroll (\$1,898,021.01). Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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.

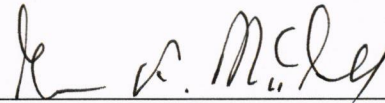
The Mayor announced that the water well on Lake Harbour Drive needed an emergency repair on Friday, September 1, 2023 and requested that the Board of Aldermen declare said repair an emergency pursuant to Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. Alderman Ken Heard moved to declare the repairs to the water well on Lake Harbour Drive an emergency pursuant to Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the motion 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.

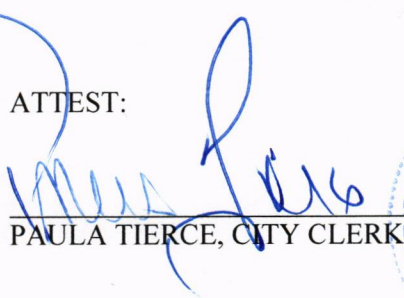
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of September, 2023.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

