

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 19, 2023
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the September 19, 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 Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the annual stormwater training for elected officials. Mr. Paul Lanning of Allen Engineering and Science conducted the annual training using a Powerpoint presentation, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Approve Contractor Pay Estimate No. 3 for Ridgewood Road Drainage Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- b) Approve CE&I Invoice for Ridgewood Road Drainage Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- c) Budget Amendment transferring \$165,000 from PURF Fund Balance to 400-650-630 Utilities - Wells and Pumps - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- d) Authorize the Submittal of a USDOT Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Program Application - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Engineering Consultant Selection and Authority to Commence General Service Agreement Negotiations for upcoming Federally Funded Projects - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- f) Approve Recommendation of Contract Award for East County Line Road Resurfacing Improvements - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Term Bids for the Public Works Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- h) Special Event - BCI Open House (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"

- i) Special Event - Cycle Out Kids Cancer (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"
- j) Special Event - Eurofest (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- k) Special Event - Ridgeland High School Homecoming Parade (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- l) Special Event - Mayor's Fun Walk (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"
- m) Approve Contract with Police App (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- n) Approve Lease Agreement with Harley Davidson (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"
- o) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 001-160-635 \$7,835 and Increasing Account 001-160-730 \$7,835 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- p) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 001-080-681 (HR-Training) \$3,953.00 and Increasing Account 001-350-630 (Library-Utilities) \$1,913.00 and Account 001-350-637 (Library-Maintenance of Building) \$2,040 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"
- q) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 003-220-682 (Sanitation-Residential & Commercial Expense) \$7,000 and Account 003-000-296 (Garbage Revenue) \$7,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"
- r) Receive Fiscal Year 2023 Inventory - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"
- s) Declare Property Surplus and Add Property Previously Declared Lost Back to Fixed Inventory List Following FY2023 Inventory - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"
- t) Approve \$46.35 Sewer Adjustment for Account 02-0410-02 and \$556.14 for Account 01-0045-01 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"
- u) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$25,000 and Increase Account 001-060-601 (Legal) \$25,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"
- v) Approve Contract with Green Oak for Christmas Decoration for 2024, 2025, and 2026 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"
- w) Received August 2023 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"
- x) Authorize Business License 2024-00001 thru 2024-99999 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"

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.

Next came the 185410 - 185741 and September 8, 2023 Payroll (\$3,557,467.63). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and economic development. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and economic development. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin move to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

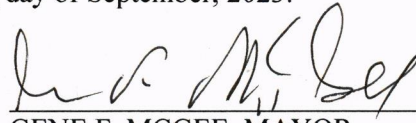
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith,
Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman
Wesley Hamlin
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the executive session.

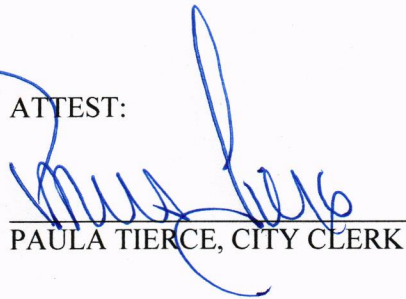
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of September, 2023.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

