

**MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
November 7, 2023  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the November 7, 2023 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Jerry Mills and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Ken Heard. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Assistant Fire Chief James Stokes followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through October 31, 2023.

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Next came the recognition of Officer Ben Johnson and his canine partner, Titus, for being selected "Officer of the Month" for September 2023. Mayor McGee announced that on September 12, 2023, Ridgeland Police Officers attempted to stop a stolen car than had run from officers the previous night where the pursuit was terminated. Upon officers trying to stop the vehicle again, the vehicle again ran and the pursuit was terminated to protect the public due to the driver's recklessness. The vehicle was later located and officers again tried to stop the vehicle and the suspect drove onto the railroad tracks and the vehicle became disabled. the driver and two passengers fled on foot from officers. With the assistance of K-9 Officer Ben Johnson and his K-9, Titus, officers quickly located the driver who was non-compliant and combative during the arrest and was apprehended by Titus. Titus then led officers to an older deer blind where the other two suspects were apprehended without further incident after they heard Titus' bark. All three suspects were charged with numerous felonies and misdemeanors. Mayor McGee thanked K-9 Officer Ben Johnson and his canine partner, Titus, for their hard work and dedication to keeping Ridgeland a safe place to live, work and visit.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Work Session and the October 17, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the public hearing to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Future

Land Use and Transportation Plan. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and City Clerk Paula Tierce affirmed that proper notice was made; a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Joey Deason, the Executive Director for the Madison County Economic Development Authority, made a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Chris Pace of Jones Walker, LLP made comments and asked that the reports dated October 10, 2023 and October 20, 2023 be added to the record, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Chris Watson of Bridge & Watson, Inc. then made comments supporting the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use and Transportation Plan. Mayor McGee asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak on the matter and Larry Henderson, Vice President of the North Livingston Homeowner's Association, made comments as well as Calvin Day of the Wrenfield Subdivision Homeowner's Association. Public Works Director Alan Hart then responded to the concerns of Mr. Larry Henderson and Mr. Calvin Day. The Mayor again asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak and there was no response. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

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Next came the public hearing to consider amendments to the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and City Clerk Paula Tierce affirmed proper notice was made, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

Public Works Director Alan Hart made a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wanted to make comments regarding the amendments to the text of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland and there was no response. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

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Next came the public hearing to consider the Petition and Application to Rezone Real Property for the Madison County Economic Development Authority. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and City Clerk Paula Tierce affirmed proper notice was made, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D". Mr. Joey Deason, Executive Director of the Madison County Economic Development Authority, made a presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Chief Pace of Jones Walker LLP then requested that the following documents be entered as follows:

Petition and Application to Rezone Property - Exhibit "E"  
 Certified Mail Receipts and Letters to Property Owners - Exhibit "F"  
 Area of Proposed Future Land Use Plan Amendment - Exhibit "G"  
 Proof of Publication - Exhibit "H"  
 Affidavits of Signage Installation - Exhibit "I"

The Mayor asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak on the Petition and Application to Rezone Real Property for the Madison County Economic Development Authority and there was no response. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

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Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Amending Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use and Transportation Plan of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use and Transportation Plan. 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Kevin Holder

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

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Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Amending Section 520.02, Section 21 (Definitions) and Appendix C of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Ordinance Amending Section 520.02, Section 21 (Definitions) and Appendix C of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

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

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Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi to Rezone Real Property for the Madison County Economic Development Authority. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Ridgeland to Rezone Real Property for the Madison County Economic Development Authority. 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

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

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting)

Next came the consideration of the Special Event Permit for the Township Blues Festival on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the Special Event Permit. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier and Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier rejoined the meeting)

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

- a) Public Works Supplemental Term Bids 2023-2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- b) Consider Demolition Bids for 6959 Old Canton Road (Crawfish Hut) and budget amendment by transferring \$13,500 to 001-180-604 from the general fund - REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
- c) Consider Abandonment of Carr Road in Block 4 of Highland Colony Subdivision generally along the southern border of Lot 5, 6, 7, and 8 and more specifically as identified in the Drawing Exhibit - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"
- d) Approve Benchmark CE&I Final Invoice for Ridgewood Road - MDEQ Agreement No. 600-2-SW-5.6 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"

- e) Approve Sole Source Letter and Memo for the purchase of VT SCADA - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"
- f) Special Event - AgCredit Fit - Jingle Bell Jog (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"
- g) Special Event - Fleet Feet - Turkey Day 8K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"
- h) Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-279 (Other Participation) \$121,947.99, 001-100-730 (Police Capital Machinery & Equipment) \$112,777.99, and 001-100-732 (Police Furniture & Fixtures) \$9,170.00 for the Purchase of Dispatch Equipment/Furniture - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"
- i) Flock Safety Purchase Agreement for 20 Cameras (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"
- j) Flock Safety Yearly Subscription Renewal (Police Department) - Order Attached Heret As Exhibit "U"
- k) Motorola Solutions Service Agreement Review and Approval for Dispatch Consoles (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"
- l) Motorola Solutions Service Agreement for Hand-Held and Mobile Radios (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"
- m) Sole Source Letter for GrayShift (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"
- n) Approval to Surplus P320 (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"
- o) Surplus Items - Two Evinrude Outboard 150 HP Motors - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"
- p) Approve Agreement between City of Ridgeland and Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Parks for the Recreational Trails Program - Friendship Park Trail Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "AA"
- q) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Smithers Engineers and Consultant, LLC for Overhead Nets at Freedom Ridgeland Park - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "BB"
- r) Approve Ordinance Disbanding the Community Awareness Committee - Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "CC"
- s) Budget Amendment - Finance & Administration - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "DD"
- t) Approve Mayor Attending NLC in Atlanta, GA November 14, 2023 to November 16, 2923 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "EE"
- u) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "FF"
- v) Resolution Thanking the Community Awareness Committee - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "GG"

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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration for demolition bids for 6959 Old Canton Road (Crawfish Hut) and the budget amendment by decreasing the General Fund Balance \$13,500 and increasing account 001-180-604 \$13,500. Alderman Kevin Holder recommended that the Board allow a period of four months for the owner to get plans submitted approved by the City of Ridgeland. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to accept the recommendation of the Community Development Department and proceed with demolition and approve the budget amendment decreasing the General Fund Balance \$13,500 and increasing account 001-180-604 \$13,500. 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith  
Nay(s): Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee  
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the payment of claims 186438 - 186827, the October 20, 2023 and the November 3, 2023 Payroll (\$3,832,067.17). 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 Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Ken Heard

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

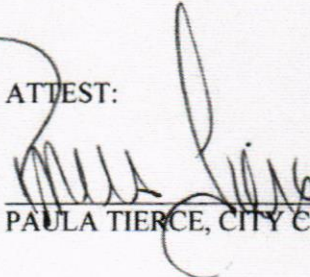
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There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

