

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 2, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 2, 2024 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. 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 a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through December 27, 2023.

Next came the recognition of Corporal April Rose for being selected "Officer of the Month" for November 2023. Mayor McGee announced that on November 5, 2023, Corporal April Rose responded to the report of an auto burglary at the Mark Apartments. Corporal Rose promptly responded and entered the complex, radioed other responding officers and had them set up a perimeter. Corporal Rose located the vehicle that was broken into and then began searching for possible suspects. Corporal Rose located the suspect vehicle and was able to take three suspects into custody. These suspects were attempting to steal the vehicle and had stolen several others in the metro area. Corporal Rose's prompt response and actions thwarted a criminal enterprise and saved a victim from losing their vehicle. Mayor McGee thanked Corporal April Rose for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and encouraged her to continued the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Receive Donations of \$5,000 from the H. F. McCarty, Jr. Family Foundation and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 326-000-192 (Performing Arts Center Capital Project Fund Balance) \$5,000 and 326-000-348 (Performing Arts Center Capital Project Donations-Restricted) \$5,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Declare Water Rate \$2.24, Ridgeland Sewer \$1.84 and Jackson Sewer \$2.19 with a Minimum Bill Being \$3.00 for Water and \$1.00 for Sewer Pursuant to House Bill 698 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) October 2023 and November 2023 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Surplus of Gun (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Surplus Vehicles (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Authorize the Public Works Director to advertise an RFP for Integrated Mosquito Management Program Services - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement Modification #2 for the MDEQ MCWI Agreement No. 29-1-CW-5.5 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 187771 - 187956 and the December 29, 2023 Payroll (\$1,431,467.02). None moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by None and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): None
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE,

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK