

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

The Mayor opened the December 5, 2023 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith (via telephone), Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Zach Guidry, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Kevin Holder. 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 statement for services rendered through November 29, 2023.

Next Alderman Bill Lee introduced Mr. Joe Vargo of San Diego, California. Mr. Vargo stated that he had become friends with Alderman Lee and visited Ridgeland often. He expressed how impressed he was with the City of Ridgeland and how grateful our citizens should be with all the restaurants and shopping that is available.

Next came the recognition of Officer Toby Hegwood for being selected "Officer of the Month" for October 2023. Mayor McGee announced that on October 29, 2023, Officer Hegwood conducted a traffic stop on East County Line Road in Ridgeland. The vehicle was being driven by a female with a male passenger and also a one year child in the backseat that was unrestrained. Officer Hegwood spoke with the occupants and detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed 41 ecstasy tablets, 4 hydrocodone tablets, marijuana, nearly \$2,000 in cash and a loaded handgun. Both occupants were arrested for trafficking a controlled substance and child endangerment. The male was also charged with possession of a weapon by a felon. The child was placed in the care of a responsible adult. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Toby Hegwood for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the November 20, 2023 and Work Session and the November 21, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Property Adjudication for 100 Fox Run Drive - (TTLBL LLC) - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"
- b) Authorize the Mayor to sign Task Order No. 1 with Waggoner Engineering for Water Distribution System Improvements (EPA STAG-funded project) pending EPA Concurrence - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement modification for the MDEQ Solid Waste Grant Agreement SWP060 to extend the deadline to December 31, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- d) Consideration of Demolition Bids for 474 South Wheatley Street and associated Budget Amendment from General Fund to 001-180-603 Professional Services in the amount of \$8,171.25 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement with US Lawns for a 2-year contract for Roadside and Sewer Easement Maintenance + two 1-year renewals - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"
- f) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Agreement with US Lawns for a 2-year contract for I-55 Maintenance + two 1-year renewals - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"
- g) Approve Truck Route Permit for St. Andrew's Baseball Patio project - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"
- h) Budget Amendment - Accept Donation from Trace Ridge Homeowner Associations - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Review and Approve Multi-Jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding- Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Special Event - Knights of Columbus "Ring in Your Faith" - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) \$7,978.40, 001-000-348 (Donations-Restricted) \$500, and 001-160-730 (Capital Machinery & Equipment) \$8,478.40 - Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"
- l) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"
- m) Set Public Hearing for the Redistricting of Ward Lines for Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Kevin Holder

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 187226 - 187397 and the December 1, 2023 Payroll (\$1,254,336.87). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

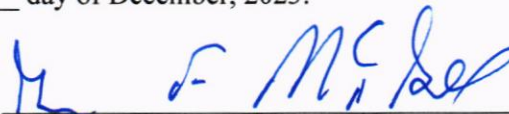
Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Kevin Holder

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

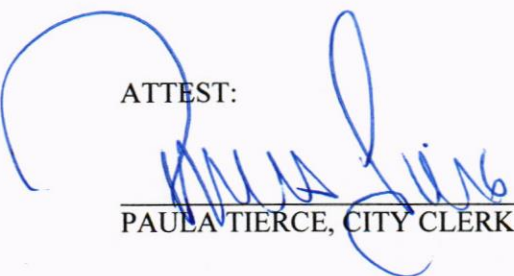
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

