

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

The Mayor opened the December 19, 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, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Kevin Holder. 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 a copy of the December 2023 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Work Session and the December 4, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Porsche Dealership - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"
- b) Approve Truck Route for 332 Bluebird Lane (house) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve Sole Source Letter for Badger Meter Water Products - Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"
- d) Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 001-040-730 \$887.00 and Increasing Account 001-040-540 \$887.00 for Purchase of Scanner for Front Desk Downstairs - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"

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 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 numbered 187398 - 187770 and December 15, 2023 Payroll (\$1,761,320.28). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 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.

The Mayor then announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue in the Fire Department, the offer for the purchase of property, and a potential legal issue. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session. 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 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue in the Fire Department, the offer for the purchase of property, and a potential legal issue. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to authorize the Mayor to offer up to \$5.00 per square foot as Just Compensation for the property for the water well and tank on the west side of Ridgeland. 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.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

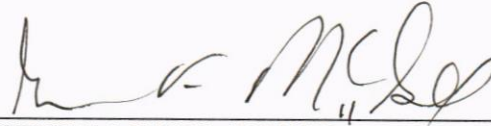
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Kevin Holder

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken during the Executive Session.

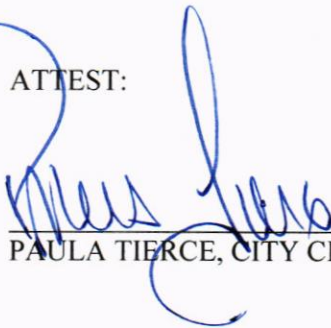
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 27th day of December, 2023.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

