

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

The Mayor opened the February 6, 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 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 Chuck Gautier followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through January 30, 2024.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting and the January 30, 2024 special called meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the public hearing for the cleaning of the property located at 414 Midway Avenue, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Code Enforcement Officer Robert Ray made a presentation to the Board of Aldermen and requested that said property be declared a menace to the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak and Willie Huff and Cassandia Huff both responded requesting an opportunity to clean the property to avoid the home being demolished. After discussion, the matter was continued to the February 20, 2024 meeting.

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Accept Petition and Rename Newpointe Drive to Highland Commerce Drive - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- b) Approve Highland Commerce Park Final Plat and Covenants on the condition that the covenants cannot be amended without the expressed consent of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen until such time that the Property Owners Association takes control over the enforcement of the Covenants - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- c) Approve Resolution Ratifying and Affirming the Acceptance of Land Donation from Copeland Enterprises, LLC and Richard B. Copeland - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- d) Accept a \$66,390.00 check from Storage Park Properties, LLC for the completion of Newpointe Drive and amend Budget by increasing 001-201-603 (Professional Fees - Streets) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Budget Amendment transferring \$11,250.00 from General Fund to 001-201-600 for survey services for the Old City Hall Site and survey services for City Center site - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- f) Approve Truck Route for 112 Bridgeview Circle (house renovation) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- g) Award the Contract for the City of Ridgeland Integrated Mosquito Management Program to VDCI - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- h) Accept a donation from Salem P. Chism for (103) Oak Trees with a stated value of \$11,330.00 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- i) Approve of Patrol Unit P343 at \$3,000 each to the City of Florence Pursuant to Section 31-7-13(m)(vi) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- j) Special Event - St. Columb's Episcopal Church Fundraiser (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- k) Deputy Court Clerk Appointment (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- l) Surplus Property - UPS Power Station (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- m) Declare Property Surplus (Administration) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- n) Approve Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- o) January 2024 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the recognition of Salem Chism for the donation of trees to the City of Ridgeland. Mayor McGee thanked Mr. Chism for his generous donation and presented him a letter, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "Q".

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Next came the payment of claims numbered 188267 - 188586 and the January 26, 2024 Payroll. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

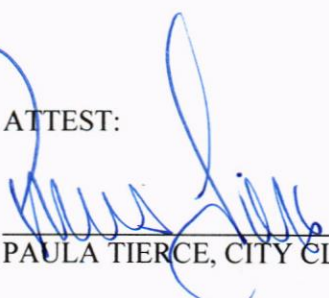
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There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

