

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
February 20, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the February 20, 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.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the February 2024 Sales Tax Report and the January 2024 Financial Report.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Joshua Gaskin for being selected "Officer of the Month" for January 2024. Mayor McGee announced that on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Corporal Gaskin was dispatched to a report of a stolen trailer. Upon arrival, Corporal Gaskin viewed surveillance footage and identified the suspect vehicle coming onto the property several times before stealing the trailer. Corporal Gaskin was able to identify unique markings on the vehicle and used law enforcement resources to identify the vehicle and its owner. In less than four hours, Corporal Gaskin located the vehicle and suspect at a hotel in Jackson. The suspect admitted to stealing the trailer and told Corporal Gaskin where the trailer could be found. The trailer was recovered and returned to its rightful owner in Ridgeland. Mayor McGee commended Corporal Gaskin for a job well done and encouraged him to continue the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 5, 2024 Work Session and the February 6, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the continuation of the cleaning of private property located at 414 Midway

Avenue. Code Enforcement Officer Robert Ray gave an update on the property and Mayor McGee asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak about the property located at 414 Midway Avenue and there was no response. Alderman Wesley Hamlin then moved to declare the property to be a menace to the public health, safety, and/or welfare to the community. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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

- a) Cost Resolution for 6956 Old Canton Road - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Re-appoint Bernie Giessner, David Dunbar, Michelle Caballero, Don Roberts, Theresa Kennedy, Tabatha Baum, Judy Rice, and Drew Malone to the Zoning Board through June 30, 2025 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Re-appoint Bill Dicken, Connie Suber, Rick Eades, Leigh Ann Sullivan, Jim Woodrick, Randy Lynn, Walter Cox and Robert Moore to the Architectural Review Board through June 30, 2025 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Approve Sole Source Purchase from Central Pipe for a Badger Mag Meter for the School Street Well - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for a change to the asphalt mix design for East County Line Road Resurfacing Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Approve East County Line Road CE&I Pay Request No. 1 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise for Bids for UPS Battery Back-up systems for certain traffic signals - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Approve Sole Source Purchase from Temple for traffic signal parts and systems - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Approve a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Authorizing Submittal of a Congestion Mitigation Project Application to the Jackson MPO Surface Transportation Grant (STBG) Program for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - Order Attached Hereto as

Exhibit "I"

- j) Approve a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Authorizing Submittal of a Pavement Management Project Application to the Jackson MPO Surface Transportation Grant (STBG) Program for the Lake Harbour Drive Resurfacing Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Approve a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Authorizing Submittal of a Safety Project Application to the Jackson MPO Surface Transportation Grant (STBG) Program for the I-55 LED Light Conversion Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Approve a Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Authorizing Submittal of a Pavement Management Project Application to the Jackson MPO Surface Transportation Grant (STBG) Program for the South Wheatley Street Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Madison County, the City of Ridgeland, and the City of Madison to Provide Residential Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Opportunity - March 23, 2024 (8am-12noon) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- n) Approve Sole Source Purchase from C.C. Lynch for EMCSDS and RWSDS Annual Data Plan Subscription Renewal - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- o) Approve a Budget Amendment receiving \$100,000 reimbursement from Madison County to the City of Ridgeland for work completed on Steed Road by increasing 001-000-279 (Other Participation) and Increasing 001-201-760 (Capital: Other Costs) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- p) Approve Budget Amendment for \$25,000 Insurance Proceeds Received From Accident - Increase 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) \$25,000.00 and Increase 001-201-603 (Professional Fees Streets) \$6,000.00 and Increase 001-201-575 (Street Materials) \$4,000.00, Increase 001-201-760 (Other Costs) \$15,000.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"
- q) Special Event - Christ Covenant Fundraiser (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- r) Special Event - Shucker's Crawfish Boil (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"
- s) Multi-jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding with Jackson VA Medical Center (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"
- t) Donation of four(4) video laryngoscopes (Fire Dept) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- u) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"
- v) Accept Donation of 55" Samsung TV w/ Remote (Serial #00062) from Ridgeland Tourism - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V"
- w) Approve Mayor Attending NLC Congressional City Conference, Washington D. C., March 6, 2024 - March 11, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "W"
- x) Approve Mayor, Alderman Smith, Alderman Heard, and Public Works Director Alan Hart traveling to Columbus, OH to tour the Amazon AWS Site on February 22, 2024 - Order

Attached Hereto as Exhibit "X"

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 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..

Next came the payment of claims numbered 88587 - 188916 and the February 9, 2024 Payroll (\$1,714,013.65). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss two items of potential litigation. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss two items of potential litigation. 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 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss two items of potential litigation. 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 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Order on Liquor Stores. Alderman Kevin Holder seconded the motion 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. A copy of the Executive Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "Y".

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

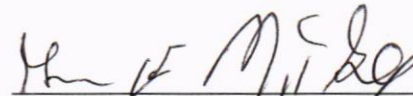
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

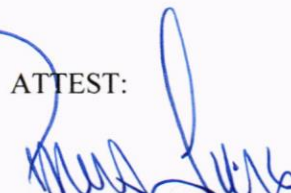
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 21st day of February, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

