

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 5, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the March 5, 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 (via telephone), Alderman Bill Lee. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's Statement for services through February 28, 2024.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Approve Cost Resolution for 474 South Wheatley Street - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Authorize the Mayor to execute a Drainage Maintenance and Easement Agreement across the Topgolf property (Colby Jackson, LLC; Topgolf USA JM, LLC; City of Ridgeland) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve Asphalt 6-month Term Bidders - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise for Bids for the Old Agency Guardrail project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve an Ordinance of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Establishing Truck Routes and Classifications - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to add Certain Pay Items and Increase Base Repair Quantities for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Authorize the Mayor to sign an Easement Agreement with Centerpoint Energy for a 10' Easement paralleling the Lake Harbour Drive right-of-way along Lots 1 and 68 of Lakeland Estates - Part 1 for the Relocation of the Natural Gas Line along Lake Harbour Drive for the widening project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

- h) Special Event - Southern AgCredit Crawfish Boil (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Special Event - Jackson Young Lawyers Legal Beagle 5K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Special Event - Leap for Lily Pad (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Memorandum of Understanding Between the United States Marshals Service and Ridgeland Police Department (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$13,000 and Increasing Account 001-020-610 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- n) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- o) Privilege License Report - February 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

Alderman Bill Lee 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.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 188917 - 189151 and February 23, 2024 Payroll (\$1,281,467.38). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 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 then announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. 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 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 Brian Ramsey moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and pending litigation. 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 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 Chuck Gautier moved to approve increasing the Building Official's hourly rate to M10-20 effective 3/15, 2024 and a budget amendment decreasing the General Fund \$4,732 and increasing account 001-180-420 \$3,724, 001-180-460 \$723 and 001-180-470 \$285. 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.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve a Resolution Imposing Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting or Construction of Liquor Stores in Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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 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 Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "P".

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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 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 6:26 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 11th day of March, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

