

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 19, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the March 19, 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 (via telephone), 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 Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the February 2024 Financial Statement and the March 2024 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Detective Hunter Bridges for being selected "Officer of the Month" for February 2024. Mayor McGee announced that Detective Bridges received information that narcotics were being sold out of a local business in the City of Ridgeland. A two-month long investigation was launched as Detective Bridges worked with other state agencies to develop strong probable cause. Search warrants were obtained for the business as well as the manager's apartment and these were served simultaneously. This investigation led to the arrest of four offenders and the seizure of a large of marijuana and cash. Mayor McGee thanked Detective Hunter Bridges and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Work Session and the March 5, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Redistricting the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi and Fixing Polling Places for the Wards Therein. Alderman Bill Lee 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. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Atmos Service Center / Regional Training Facility - Contingent on a prohibition of the storage of Mercaptan or empty Mercaptan storage containers - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- b) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the City-Wide Advanced Water Meter Improvements Project - MDEQ Agreement No. 63-1-DW-5.15 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the EMCSDS Interceptor Improvements Project (Purchase Order No. 23-75485) - MDEQ Agreement No. 29-1-CW-5.5 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- d) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Purple Creek Interceptor Improvements Project (Purchase Order No. 23-75486) - MDEQ Agreement No. 29-1-CW-5.5 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the Ridgewood Road Drainage Improvements Project - MDEQ Agreement No. 600-2-SW-5.6 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- f) Award Contract to Hemphill Construction, Inc. for the Highland Colony Tank and Well Project - MDEQ Agreement No. 64-1-DW-5.15 and approve associated Budget Amendment - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Memorandum of Agreements for decorative fencing for properties abutting Highland Commerce Drive and I-55 between Ridgeland, MDOT, and each property owner - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

- h) Surplus Fixed Asset Gun and Authorize Sale to Retiree Brad Carter (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- i) Review and Approve the Contract with Language Line (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- j) Review and Approve Unmarked Vehicle Request (Police Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- k) Review and Approve the Contract with Taylor Sudden Services for Generator Inspections (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- l) Surplus Furniture and Workout Equipment Items (Fire Dept) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- m) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

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.

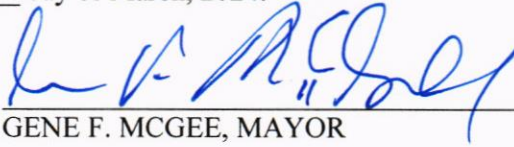
Next came the payment of claims numbered 189152 - 189491 and the March 8, 2024 Payroll (\$2,326,645.66). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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.

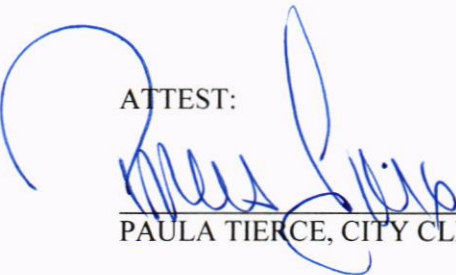
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:05.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of March, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

