

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 2, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 2, 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 Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's statement through March 27, 2024.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 18, 2024 Work Session and the March 19, 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) Surplus Forfeited Weapons (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Special Event - Township Jazz Festival (Police Department) - Exhibit "B"
- c) Special Event - St. Andrew's Saints 5K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Special Event - St. Joseph Bruin Burr 5K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve Grading Plans for a Substation associated with a Data Center - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Cooperation Agreement between Madison County, Mississippi, and the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Regarding the Funding of Certain Road Improvements Located within the City of Ridgeland (Madison County 2024 Road Plan) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Approve a Budget Amendment transferring \$29,582.13 from PURF and increasing 400-650-575 (Materials) by \$5,786.13 and 400-650-603 (Professional Fees - Utilities) by

\$23,796.00 for work associated with an equal amount payment received from Century Construction for required utility improvements at the Porsche Dealership - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

h) Approve an Access Easement for Atmos including the elimination of an Access Easement within the Tank and Well Site (to be filed at closing) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

i) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 (Revised) with AJ Construction, Inc. for the East County Line Road Resurfacing - STP-7305-00(012) LPA 109160-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

j) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with AJ Construction, Inc. for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Project STP-7305-00(012) LPA 109160-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

k) Approve Neel Schaffer CE&I Invoice 1094848 for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Project - STP-7305-00(012) in the amount of \$14,445.89 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

l) Cost Resolution for 414 Midway Ave - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

m) Budget Amendment Reducing General Fund \$46,275 and Increasing Accounts 001-093-604 (Professional Fees) \$10,000, 001-093-620 (Printing & Binding) \$2,500, and 001-093-615 (Advertising) \$33,775 for the City of Ridgeland 125th Anniversary - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

n) Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 001-100-730 (Police Department Capital) \$133,200, Increasing Account 001-450-845 (Debt Service - Principle) \$97,472 and Increasing Account 001-450-846 (Debt Service - Interest) \$35,729 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

o) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

p) March 2024 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

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 189492 - 189721 and the March 22, 2024

Payroll (\$2,347,549.96). 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 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 pending litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to go into Executive Session to discuss 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 Wesley Hamlin 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

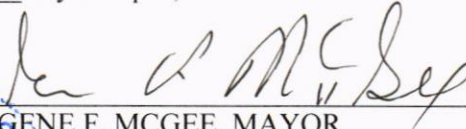
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

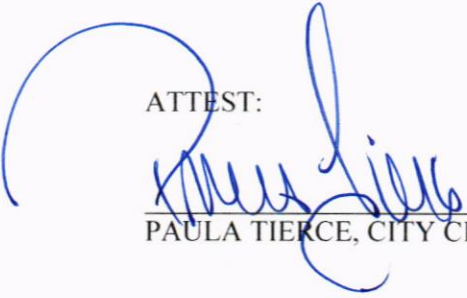
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 8th day of April, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

