MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 7, 2024
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the May 7, 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.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services through May 1, 2024.

Next came the recognition of Corporal Phillip Kendrick for being selected "Officer of the Month" for March 2024. Mayor McGee stated that on March 17, 2024, officers were alerted to a stolen vehicle traveling on Lake Harbour Drive. Corporal Kendrick began to search for the vehicle and located it at a nearby apartment complex. Corporal Kendrick patiently waited for a suspect to return to the vehicle before he and other officers approached and blocked the stolen car in and took the driver into custody who was out on bond through Capitol Police for motor vehicle theft. The occupant of a neighboring vehicle was approached, identified as a convicted felon and was in possession of a firearm as well as a three year old child. The child was safely returned to responsible family members. Mayor McGee commended Corporal Phillip Kendrick for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 15, 2024 Work Session and the April 16, 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) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Beau Ridge - Renovation - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"

b) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Cox-Unifirst Building - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"

c) Approve an Ordinance vacating certain parts of an unimproved ambiguous right-of-way of Cole Road - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"

d) Approve Surplus List (Public Works) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"

e) Award the Old Agency Guardrail Project to Hemphill Construction, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to enter into the Contract with Hemphill Construction, Inc. - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"

f) Approve Resolution supporting the SS4A Grant Application - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"

g) Approve Budget Amendment by decreasing the General Fund by $15,475 and increasing 001-201-683 Landfill Charges by $4,900.00 and 001-201-604 Professional Fees - Other by $10,575 for Emergency Debris Services relating to the April 9-11, 2024 storm event - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

h) Authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for bids for the Lake Harbour Drive / Highway 51 Intersection Improvements project pending MDOT concurrence - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

i) Approve Budget Amendment by increasing 001-000-279 by $540,000 for the County Streets Reimbursement Grant and increasing 001-201-603 by $540,000 to improve certain

streets in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

j) Accept a check from ARCO/Murray National Construction Company, LLC in the amount of $29,625.20 into PURF and approve Budget Amendment by transferring $29,625.20 from the PURF Fund Balance to the following accounts: increase 400-650-603 by $15,208.00 and increase 400-650-575 by $14,417.20 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

k) Approve Sole Source Letter and purchase for Badger Water Meter products through Centeral Pipe - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

l) Authorize the Mayor to sign Agreement Modification #1 of MCWI/MDEQ Grant Agreement No. 600-2-SW-5.6 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

m) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 319-000-203 (Grant Revenue) $110,592 and 319-601-750 (Contractor) $138,240 and Decreasing Account 001-000-192 (General Fund) $27,649 for the Friendship Park Recreational Trails Improvement Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

n) Approve Agreement Between City of Ridgeland Canton Convention & Visitors Bureau for the 2024 Ballon Glow - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

o) Authorize to Advertise for Bids for Labor, Material, and Construction for Safety Net at Freedom Ridge Baseball - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

p) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Sound Check the Band for Balloon Glow 2024 in the amount of $2,000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

q) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Temperance Babcock for Balloon Glow 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"

r) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Drake Milligan for Balloon Glow 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"

s) Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) $1,669.38, 001-000-394 (Proceeds from Sale of Motors) $4,800.00, 001-160-632 (Vehicle Expense) $4,669.38, and 001-160-637 (Maintenance of Public Buildings) $1,800.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"

t) Approve an Amendment to the Waggoner Engineer, Inc Task Order No. 1 Purple Creek Drainage Improvements for Right-of-way services - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"

u) Surplus Property - Officer Jonathan Wolfe's Duty Weapon (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"

v) Surplus Property - Vehicle and Appliance (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V"

w) Special Event Permit - Bicycle Advocacy Committee - Family Fun Run (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "W"

x) Budget Amendment - MS Homeland Security Grant (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "X"

y) Special Event Permit - Firefly Tours - Snappy Sync (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Y"

z) Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ridgeland Police Department and the United States Secret Service (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Z"

aa) Approve Resolution Extending Temporary Moratorium on the Permitting or Constructing of Liquor Stores 90 Days from Conclusion of 2024 Legislative Session - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "AA"

bb) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "BB"

cc) Accept April 2024 Privilege License Report - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "CC"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken 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 payment of claims 190104 - 190431 and April 19, 2024 Payroll ($2,325,307.13. 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
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Mayor McGee then announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential and pending litigation.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss potential and pending litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss potential and pending litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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.

(It was announced that the Board of Aldermen were going into Executive Session to discuss potential and pending litigation.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to file suit against the Faircloth Demolition, Inc. 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.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the motion and a vote was taken 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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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 6:32 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE,

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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK