

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 21, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the May 21, 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 Deputy City Clerk Ina Byrd. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the recognition of Corporal Joshua Gaskin for being selected "Officer of the Month" for April 2024. Mayor McGee announced that Corporal Gaskin responded to a local business where a man was in the store and was having a psychotic episode. The man was disrobing and had pulled out a knife because he thought the other people in the business wanted to harm him. It was discovered that this man suffered from schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder and PTSD. Corporal Gaskin is trained in Crisis Intervention and was able to talk to this man and get him to calm down enough that he could be transported to the hospital for evaluation with no physical altercation. Mayor McGee commended Corporal Gaskin for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Work Session and the May 7, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of cleaning the private property located at 910 Ash Court. The owner of the property was present with his attorney, Jamie Travis. The Mayor and Board of

Aldermen were informed this this is a house that burned and that there was a dispute of insurance coverage; however, the insurance carrier has agreed to honor the claim and additional time was requested. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen allowed an additional 60 days to resolve the matter provided the grass was kept cut and temporary fencing was installed, which was agreed to by the property owners.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith requested that item "b" under the Consent Agenda be removed. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, Renaissance Phase III and IV - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Allegrezza Exterior Remodel - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve Building Code Variance for stair risers at 945 North Livingston Road and authorize the Mayor to sign the Indemnity Agreement signed by the property owner - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Approve CE&I Pay Estimate No. 4 for East County Line Road - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to sign the CE&I Contract with Benchmark Engineering, Inc. for the Old Agency Road Guardrail Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Budget Amendment for check received from Madison County Board of Supervisors EOC (Fire Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Stagelite Sound LLC for Stage and Production for Balloon Glow 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

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.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan/Architectural Review for Renaissance Phase 3B and Aldi Grocery. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Renaissance Phase 3B/Aldi Site Plan and Architectural Review subject to the following conditions:

1. Final selection of real brick shall match the color tone of the Costco brick-like material and must be approved by the City Planner and the Public Works Director prior to the issuance of any permit.
2. Final selection of the rock façade shall be selected to compliment the rock façade of the AFC/Xfinity Building and must be approved by the City Planner and the Public Works Director prior to the issuance of any permit.
3. The landscape drawings for Aldi shall match the quality of the landscape drawings of the Renaissance Phase 3 development drawings and must be approved by the City Landscape Architect and the Public Works Director prior to the issuance of any permit.
4. The type of construction shall be limited to Type 1 or Type 2 construction as identified by the Building Code and shall not include any wood framing members.
5. The sidewalk and landscape shall be completed along the undeveloped outparcels between the North entrance of Renaissance Phase 3 and the end of the sidewalk at Walk On's. The landscape drawings shall be submitted and approved by the City Landscape Architect and the Public Works Director prior to the issuance of any permit, and the sidewalk and landscape improvements must be installed prior to the issuance of the Final Certificate of Occupancy of Renaissance Phase 3B.
6. The undeveloped outparcels immediately in front of Renaissance Phase 3B shall be graded to drain, fine graded, and grassed with Bermuda seed or sod. The outparcels shall be maintained as a manicured lawn until construction begins on the outparcel.

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. A copy of the site plan is attached hereto as Exhibit "H".

Next came the payment of claims numbered 190432 - 190818, 5/6/2024 Supplemental Payroll, and 5/17/2024 Payroll (\$1,968,322.51). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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

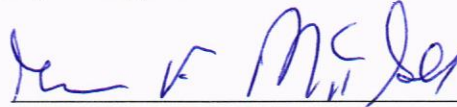
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

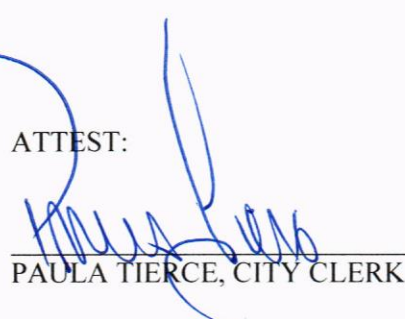
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of May, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

