

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

The Mayor opened the August 6, 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 statement for services rendered through July 31, 2024 and the sales tax report for July 2024.

Next the recognition of Officer Bryce Winstead for being selected "Officer of the Month" for June 2024. Mayor McGee stated that on June 6, 2024, officers were dispatched to Mobile Estates for a burglary that had recently occurred. A vague description of the suspect and car was offered by a witness and Officer Winstead observed a vehicle in the area and the driver matched the description. Officer Winstead attempted to stop the vehicle and the driver fled on foot. Officers were able to apprehend the suspect nearby. A search of the vehicle revealed stolen items from the burglary. The suspect was arrested and charged with burglary as well as other charges. Officer Winstead was able to bring this case to a quick resolution, although he had minimal information. Mayor McGee commended Officer Bryce Winstead on a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the July 15, 2024 Work Session and the July 16, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the public hearing to Cleaning of Private Property - 117 Highland Cove. The

Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Code Enforcement Manager Tally Berry made a presentation and requested that the property be declared a menace to public health and safety to the community. Copies of photographs of the property are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak and Shujaa Mjasiri responded requesting time to clean the property himself. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property a menace to public health and safety to the community with the property owner being allowed a period of 10 to 14 days to clean the property. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith 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 consideration of the alternate request of Jerry Bouldin for the Fish Hut parking lot, which is applying a coating rather than resurfacing. Alderman Kevin Holder 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 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 Consent Agenda. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

- a) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Wood Works Addition - Order Attached Hereto Exhibit "C"
- b) Table Site Plan / Architectural Review for Dunkin' to September 3, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- c) Approve Sole Source Purchase from Central Pipe for Badger Meters and Components - August 2024 Order - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- e) Approve Budget Amendment for Emergency Expenditures for water wells by transferring \$600,000 from 490-000-192 to 400-650-760 Capital Systems - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- f) Ratify August 1, 2024 Executive Order issued by Mayor Gene F. McGee and Adopt Ordinance Temporarily Banning the Use of Irrigation Sysattem in Certain Areas of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- g) Approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Improvements Project - STP-7305-00(012) LPA / 109160-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- h) Approve Revised MDOT Reimbursement Request No. 1 for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- i) Authorize the Mayor to sign the MCWI SubAward Closeout Certification for the EMCSDS and Purple Creek Wastewater Interceptor Pipe Rehabilitation Project - MCWI 29-1-CW-5.5 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- j) Authorize Mayor Gene F. McGee to sign an Agreement with US Lawns for the Lawn and Landscape Maintenance for the Jackson Street Public Parking Areas and County Line Road - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- k) Review and Approve Items to be Surplus, including Two Vehicles to be sold.(Fire Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- l) Ratify Emergency Purchase of New Motor for the Rescue Truck and Approve Budget Amendment Decreasing the General Fund Balance \$13,597.81 and Increase Account 001-160-632 \$13,597.81 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- m) Review and Approve L3 Equipment List for Surplus (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- n) Review and Approve Weapon List to Be Forfeited and Disposed of (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- o) Review and Approve Surplus Equipment List (Police Department) Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"
- p) Declare RCX Sports as Sole Source Provider for NFL Flag Football Equipment - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- q) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"

- r) Privilege License Report for June 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"
- s) Set Public Hearing for Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget - August 20, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- t) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-394 (Sale of Equipment) \$6,500.00 and 001-020-740 (Capital Vehicles (\$6,500.00) for the Purchase of Mayor's Vehicle - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"
- u) Approve Agreement Among City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Madison County, Mississippi Circuit Clerk, and Madison County Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V"

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 191980 - 192308 and July 26, 2024 Payroll (\$3,890,207.09). Alderman Ken Heard 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.

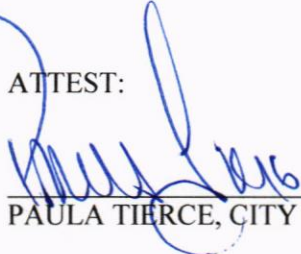
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 7th day of August, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

