

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 3, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the September 3, 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 Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's statement for services through August 28, 2024.

Next Jenifer Branning addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen seeking their support and vote for the Supreme Court Justice seat on November 5, 2024.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 19, 2024 Work Session and the August 20, 2024 and August 26, 2024 Board of Aldermen meetings. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the matter of cleaning the property located at 124 Magnolia Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice was made to the property owner; a copy of the Notice of Hearing dated August 12, 2024 and photographs of the postings are attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Mr. Berry informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the address on Exhibit "A", being 302 W. Jackson Street, Ridgeland, MS 39157, is incorrectly stamped and should be 124 Magnolia Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Manager, stated that the City of Ridgeland has been dealing with the condition of this property dating back to 2008; copies of previous violations and issued citations are attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and photographs of Lake Harbour Drive Church of Christ doing work in June 2024 are attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Mr. Berry then made a presentation regarding the current condition of the property and requested that the Board of Aldermen declare the property to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community due to the state of its uncleanness and the accumulation of trees and other debris pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated; copies of photographs of the current condition of the property are attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Police Chief Brian Myers then informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the

Ridgeland Police Department has had 45 incidents at the subject property and provided 12 reports of which are attached hereto as Exhibit "E". Mayor McGee then asked if there was anybody present that wanted to speak regarding the property located at 124 Magnolia Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Pat Truesdale and Margaret McKnight both residents within the area of the subject property spoke and expressed their concerns regarding the condition of the property. Mr. Terry Butler, being the owner of the property, then spoke to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen apologizing the condition of the property and requested an opportunity to bring the property to a state acceptable by the City. Alderman Kevin Holder inquired about whether the property owner had financial means to being the property compliant and Aldermen Ken Heard inquired about the number of animals located at the subject property.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to declare the property located at 124 Magnolia Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated.

Alderman D. I. Smith 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.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Adopt 2024 Tax Rolls Submitted by Madison County Tax Assessor - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- b) Adopt Order Setting Millage Rate Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- c) Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- d) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing General Fund \$335,613 and Decreasing Accounts 318-000-192 (I55 Lighting Project Fund) \$225,000.00 and Account 317-000-380 (Lake Harbour Rehab Project) \$110,613 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- e) Approve Emergency Repair and Rebuild Ladder 4 Pump and Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$23,995.00 and Increasing Account 001-160-632 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- f) Remand the Architectural Review of Dunkin' Donuts back to the Architectural Review

Board - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

g) Authorize the Public Works Department to issue a Purchase Order to Rick's Pro Truck Inc. for materials quoted - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

h) Authorize the Public Works Department to issue a Purchase Order to Central Pipe Supply, Inc. for materials quoted - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

i) Surplus Forfeited Weapons (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

j) Review and Approve the PowerDMS Service Agreement (Police Department) -
REMOVED

k) Special Event - Cycle Out Kid's Cancer (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

l) Special Event - Renaissance Euro Fest (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

m) Special Event - Mayor's Fun Walk (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"

n) Approve Wilson KIA as the Lowest and Best Bid for a 2024 Telluride Ex X-Line for Purchase by the Ridgeland Police Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"

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

p) Privilege License Report - July 2024 and August 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"

q) Approve Mayor Attending the Southeast Tourism Society Conference in Auburn, AL September 10, 2024 thru September 12, 2024 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey with a vote being 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 payment of claims numbered 192671 - 192895 and August 23, 2024 Payroll (\$1,367,727.63). 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.

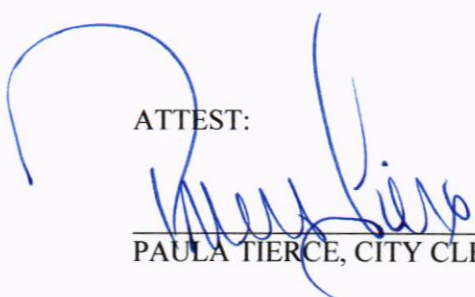
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:32
p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 4th day of September, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

