

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
November 19, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the November 19, 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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The Mayor introduced members of Boy Scout Troop 8, First Baptist Jackson, and Boy Scout Troop 1, St. James Episcopal Church, that were present working on their Communication Badge. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Nathan Guild followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by Boy Scout Hastings Boyd.

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

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the November 4, 2024 Work Session and the November 5, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the cleaning of the private property located on Carr Meadows Drive, identified by Parcel #072D-19A-081/00.00. City Clerk Paula Tierce adjudicated that proper notice was made to the property owner, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and presented photographs of said property dated October 31, 2024 and November 19, 2024; a copy of said photographs are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak on behalf of the property in question and there was no response. Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry then requested the Board of Aldermen to declare the property to be in a statement of uncleanliness to be 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 Kevin Holder moved to declare the property to be in a statement of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community pursuant to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code, Annotated. 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.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan/Architectural Review for the property located at 207 Lake Castle Road. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Site Plan/Architectural Request as presented and reverse the Board of Aldermen's prior adjudication to require demolition of the accessory structures at the existing 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 Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Petition and Application for Conditional Use for Oasis Revival Center at 299 Highway 51 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- b) Approve Preliminary Plat, Development Agreement and Architectural Pattern Book for Britton's Abbey Subdivision - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Maintenance Agreement for the Precision Tech Time Clock System for Public Works - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- d) Designate Hol-Mac Corporation as a Sole Source Provider and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase a Turntable for the Limb Truck - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Task Order No. 4 with Benchmark Engineering &

Surveying, LLC for Surveying and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Design of the Reconstruction Plans for South Wheatley Street - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"

f) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Task Order No. 5 with Benchmark Surveying & Engineering for the design Old Agency Road Ditch and Road Improvements - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

g) Designate Cannon Motors of Mississippi as the Lowest and Best Bidder and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Express 3500 Extended Length 15 Passenger Van - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

h) Establish Budget for the Wheatley Street Road Improvements Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

i) Approve Construction Payment Request No. 1 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

j) Review Quotes for Purchase of New Drone - Fire Department - Order Attached hereto as Exhibit "L"

k) Surplus Guns (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

l) Special Event Permit - Christmas at City Hall (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

m) Review and Approve Quotes for New Drone (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"

n) Review and Approve Insight LPR Contract (Police Department) Contingent Upon Legal Counsel's Recommended Changes - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

o) Special Event - Christmas Parade (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"

p) Special Event - Christmas Tree Lighting (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"

q) Special Event - Township at Colony Park - Christmas Open House (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"

r) \$279.48 Sewer Adjustment - 860B Sussex Pl - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"

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 payment of claims numbered 194343 - 194721 and November 15, 2024 Payroll (\$2,470,796.42). 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition, economic development, pending litigation, and a personnel issue.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition, economic development, pending litigation, and a personnel issue. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition, economic development, pending litigation, and a personnel issue. 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

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Establishment of Just Compensation Offer for Parcel No: 072D-18D-00/01.00. 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. A copy of the Establishment of Just Compensation Offer is attached hereto as Exhibit "U".

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, (1) Granting a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes to, and Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement with, Amazon Data Services, Inc. in Connection with a Data Center Project being undertaken thereby and located within the City, pursuant to the authority vested therein by Section 27-31-104 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, and Senate Bill No. 2001, Mississippi Legislature, Second Extraordinary Session 2024; and (2) Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Project Infrastructure Loan and Contribution Agreement, as authorized by Senate Bill No. 2001, Mississippi Legislature, Second Extraordinary Session 2024, with the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority, the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, and the Madison County Economic Development Authority, to fund, among other things, public infrastructure in support of such projects; and related matters.

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. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "V".

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to leave Executive Session. 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 reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

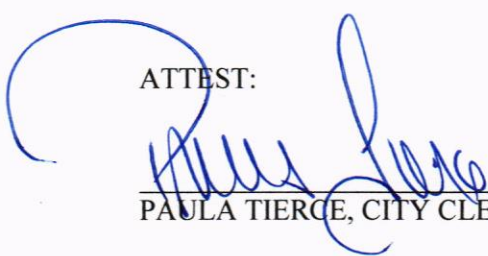
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 21st day of November, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

