

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
December 17, 2024
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the December 17, 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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Parks & Recreation Director John Sidney North followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members of the Mayor's Youth Council were present and introduced.

Mr. Jerry Barnes was present for being appointed Election Commission for the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 2, 2024 Work Session and the December 3, 2024 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the matter of the items listed under the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Declare Property Surplus (Recreation & Parks Dept.) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Approve Contract with Pyro Shows for 2025 Balloon Glow - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Authorize the Mayor to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Task Order No. 5 for Old Agency Road Ditch Improvements - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$158,768.10, Approve Contract Summary Change Order No. 1 (deduction of \$566.25), and Accept Closeout Documents for the Old Agency Road Guardrail Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Authorize the Mayor to Sign Agreement Amendment No. 3 for \$10,850 to Task Order No. 1 for additional Right-of-way Services for the Purple Creek Drainage Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Award the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1 for City-wide Hazard Tree and Limb Removal Project to Deep Roots Construction, LLC in the amount of \$975,550 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Accept \$29,171.46 Insurance Check from Sentry Insurance for the damages to the limb truck and approve a Budget Amendment to increase 001-201-635 by \$29,171.46 as well as budget the insurance revenue - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Surplus Items - Fire Department - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Review and Approve Flock Safety Purchase Agreement (Police Department) - Order

Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

j) Special Event - Ring in Your Faith (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"

k) MOU - State Fire Academy (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"

l) Review and Approve Emergency Purchase of Tyler Technologies Record Management System (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"

m) Approve Final CE&I Invoice No. 1102125 and Final CE&I Reimbursement Request No. 10 for the East County Line Road Resurfacing Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

n) Appoint Joann Pearson, Loden Snell, Jerry Barnes, and Angela Bailey to the Ridgeland Election Commission - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"

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 D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 194948 - 195289 and December 13, 2024 Payroll (\$1,946,528.29). 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 Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next Alderman Wesley Hamlin stated that in honor of the 125th anniversary he would like to

read the following resolution and ask Mayor McGee to join him at the podium.

WHEREAS, from his early beginnings on a dairy farm in Hickory, Mississippi, Gene F. McGee learned the value of a strong and unwavering work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Gene F. McGee began his adult life in the business field; and

WHEREAS, Gene F. McGee first began his political career as a Ridgeland Alderman in 1985 and served for four years; and

WHEREAS, Gene F. McGee went on to run for Mayor in 1989 and remains Mayor to this day, 35 years and counting; and

WHEREAS, his passion for health living has influenced his leadership, resulting in Ridgeland's development for top-tier recreational facilities, miles of multi-use trails; and

WHEREAS, through his tireless leadership and exceptional vision, Ridgeland has grown from a small town into a thriving community, known for its vibrant business environment, recreational opportunities, and educational resources; and

WHEREAS, guided by his father in God, Mayor McGee has applied his principles to every aspect of his life -- as a husband, father, grandfather, businessman, and dedicated leader of the city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor McGee's extraordinary work, dedication, vision and integrity will have everlasting effects on the City of Ridgeland;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Aldermen, for the City of Ridgeland, do hereby execute the authority in naming Ridgeland City Hall the Gene F. McGee City Hall to honor and show appreciation and respect for his many tireless years of labor in making the City of Ridgeland a better place to live, work and play.

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the resolution naming city hall the Gene F. McGee City Hall. Alderman Chuck Gautier seconded the motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee

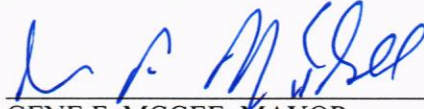
Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

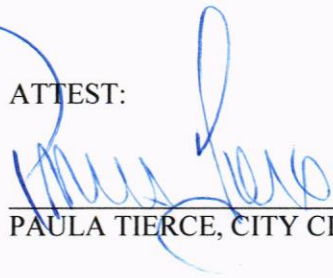
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of December, 2024.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

