

**MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
February 18, 2025  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the February 18, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney Zach Giddy and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the January 2025 Financial Statement and the February 2025 Sales Tax Report.

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The Mayor recognized Phil Nelson as a member of the Mayor's Youth Council.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 3, 2025 Work Session and the February 4, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the cleaning of private Property for 373 Red Eagle Circle. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B", and recommended that the property be declared in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 373 Red Eagle Circle and Russell Wood of the Red Eagle Homeowners Association responded. Mr. Wood stated that the property was in a deplorable state and supported the actions of the City. The Mayor asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak and there was no response. Alderman Ken Heard moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder,  
Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the cleaning of private property located at 325 W. Oak Leaf Court, Ridgeland, Mississippi. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "D", and recommended that the property be declared in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 325 W. Oak Leaf Court and there was no response. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder,  
Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the cleaning of private property located 324 Autumn Crest Drive, Ridgeland, Mississippi. The City Clerk adjudicated that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "F", and recommended that the property be declared in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 324 Autumn Crest Drive and Judy Barnett, the attorney for the estate, responded stating that there was a buyer for the property and that she was getting the contract in order for presentation to the court. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to declare the property to be

in a state of uncleanness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community and requested that the Community Development work with Ms. Barnett by giving additional time for the sale of the property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

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

Nay(s): None

Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman Bill Lee moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Southlake Condos - Township - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- b) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Higdon Road Development - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- c) Accept Insurance \$1,333.23 Check for Limb Truck Reimbursement and Approve Budget Amendment to increase 001-201-635 (Equipment Repair and Maintenance) by same amount - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- d) Declare American Signal Company as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Purchase of New Message Board Trailer and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase the Equipment for \$16,100.00 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- e) Approve the Emergency Declaration for the Repairs to the Guardrail on Old Agency Road and Authorize Public Works to Purchase the Labor and Materials from Atwood Fence Company - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- f) Approve CE&I Pay Estimate No. 3 for Michael Baker International, Inc. for Services for the Hwy 51 / Lake Harbour Dr Intersection and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the MDOT Reimbursement Forms - STP6928-00(019) LPA 109161-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- g) Review and Approve Purchase, Service Agreement, and Sole Source Letter from Insight LPR, LLC (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- h) Special Event - St. Joseph Bruin Burn 5K and Fun Run (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- i) Special Event - Steps for Teachers: Wellness Edition 5K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- j) Surplus Vehicle and Sale - Fire Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

- k) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Game Changer Concession, LLC - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- l) Declare Soulshine Pizza as the Lowest and Best Bid For After Ride Meal for the 2025 Century Ride - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"
- m) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"
- n) Approve Amended Ordinance Setting Compensation for Ridgeland Election Commissioners, Poll Workers, and Resolution Board - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- o) Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) \$9,345.89, Increasing Account 001-020-632 (Vehicle Expense) \$12,345.89; and Decreasing Account 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) \$3,000 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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Next came the payment of claims numbered 196169-196539 and February 7, 2025 Payroll (\$1,787,061.94). None moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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The Mayor announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

### CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to set Just Compensation for the purchase of real property for the Colony Park Sewer and Water Easements. The motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Revised Establishment of Just Compensation Offer is attached hereto as Exhibit "T".

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee  
Nay(s): None  
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

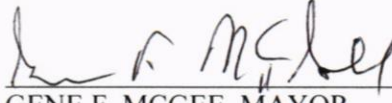
The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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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 6:30 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

