

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

The Mayor opened the March 18, 2025 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 meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the recognition of the members of the Mayor's Youth Council that were present, which were Sam Bender, Jayla Chatman, Katie Lancaster, Shikah Patel, Seeta Hathcock, and Mary Russell Phillpot.

Next came the recognition of Officer Willie Robinson for being selected "Officer of the Month" for January, 2025. Mayor McGee announced that Officer Robinson is a 27-year veteran of the Ridgeland Police Department and has worked in various capacities within the department during his career. Officer Robinson is currently assigned to the warrants unit and has been in this position for numerous years. Officer Robinson is consistently one of the most productive members of the Ridgeland Police Department and he plays an integral role in the success of both the police department and court services. Mayor McGee stated that Officer Robinson performs his job admirably and can successfully work with multiple division within the police department to contribute to the success of the department as a whole. Officer Robinson's ability to work with and positively interact with many different types of people enables him to perform his duties in a way that presents a positive image for the City of Ridgeland and the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Willie Robinson for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

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

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 Permit for Ryder Truck (642 Ridgewood Rd) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Renaissance Phase II - Lofts - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Petition and Application for Dimensional Variance for Gurpreet Singh (276 Hwy. 51) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Lee Michael's Addition and Renovation - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Ridgewood Foodmart (276 Hwy 51) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Site Plan and Architectural Review for 608 Highway 51 Renovation - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Surplus Property - Community Development Ford Ranger - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise the Colony Park Water and Sewer Project for Bid - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise a New Dump Truck for Reverse Auction - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Approve Budget Amendment Transferring \$22,685.80 from 350-603-750 (Contractor) to 350-603-760 (Other) for the Purchase of Pipe for the Freedom Ridge Drainage Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Authorize the Mayor to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 of Task Order No. 5 to Add another Area of Sheet Pile Design for the Old Agency Road Ditch Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Approve Contractor Pay Estimate No. 1 - Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. - for the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - STP-6928-00(019) LPA 109161-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Approve the Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 of the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project Increasing Certain Pay Items by \$136,000.00 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- n) Approve CE&I Pay Estimate No. 4 - Michael Baker International, Inc. - for the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - STP-6928-00(019) LPA 109161-701000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- o) Designate CC Lynch and Associates as a Sole Source Provider and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase Materials - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- p) Special Event - Spring Into Wellness 5K (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

- q) Special Event - Southern AgCredit Crawfish Boil (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- r) Special Event - Century Ride (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"
- s) Special Event - First Ridgeland Baptist Church First Fest (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"
- t) Designate Hartley Equipment as the Lowest & Best Bidder for the Purchase of Pine Straw - Recreation & Parks - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- u) Approve Work Order Authorization with Fire Sprinklers, Inc. for Annual Sprinkler Inspection for City Hall - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"
- V) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V"
- w) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Ridgeland and the Mississippi Department of Finance - Colony Park Infrastructure Improvements - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "W"
- x) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Ridgeland and Mississippi Department of Finance & Administration - Commerce Park Connector Road - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "X"
- y) Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Tax Increment Limited Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 - Renaissance Phase II Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Y"
- z) Renaissance TIF Phase II - Engagement Resolution - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Z"

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 Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 196759 - 197140 and the March 7, 2026 Payroll (\$2,021,577.56). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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.

Mayor McGee announced the need of going into Executive Session for the purchase of real property.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting)

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to consider going into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Alderman 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real property. The motion was seconded by Alderman 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Just Compensation for Parcel #072F-24B-001/22.00 for the Steed Road Multi-Upe Path. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken

Heard 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 Establishment of Just Compensation Offer is attached hereto as Exhibit "1"

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. 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

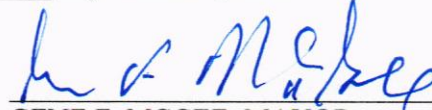
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during Executive Session.

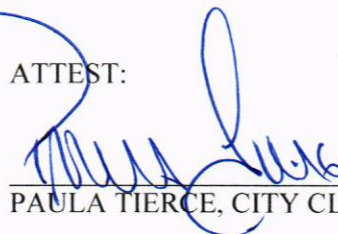
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 20th day of March, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

