

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 21, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the January 21, 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, 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 Chuck Gautier followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the December 2024 Financial Statement and the January 2025 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 6, 2025 Work Session and the January 7, 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) Site Plan / Architectural Review for AWS Phase 1 - CAB Building - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with CC Lynch for Providing Monthly Services for EMCSDS Wastewater Metering Station System - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve a Budget Amendment by Transferring \$36,000 from 404-650-420 (Personnel) to 404-650-603 (Professional Services) within the EMCSDS Fund - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- D) Designate Mac Haik as the lowest and best bidder and authorize Public Works to Purchase a 2024 Ford F350 4x4 XL in the amount of \$53,216 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Designate Mac Haik as the lowest and best bidder and authorize Public Works to Purchase a 2024 Ford F350 4x4 XLT in the amount of \$54,820 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Designate Fowler Buick GMC as the lowest and best bidder and authorize Public Works to Purchase a 2025 Sierra 1500 4x4 Crew in the amount of \$49,954 - Order Attached Hereto

as Exhibit "F"

- g) Approve Construction Pay Request No. 1 for the Purple Creek Drainage Basin Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Approve Construction Pay Request No. 2 for the Purple Creek Drainage Basin Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Approve a Budget Amendment by Transferring \$52,539.00 from 001-201-296 (Drainage Improvements) to 001-201-760 (Other Capital Costs) for the budget necessary for the installation of the Trace Ridge Detention Pond Fence - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Approve a 2-year Renewal for the US Lawns Agreement for the Maintenance of Northpark/Lake Harbour Dr Intersection at the current contract price - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Approve a 2-year Renewal for US Lawns to Provide the Landscape Maintenance for the I-55, Old Agency Road, and Highland Colony Parkway Round-a-bout at the current contract price - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Designate Star Service, Inc as the Lowest and Best Bidder and authorize Public Works to Issue of Purchase Order for the Removal and Installation of 3 Infrared Natural Gas Heaters for the Public Works Maintenance Shop in the Amount of \$6,000 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Approve Preliminary Engineering Professional Services Contract with Garver, LLC for the Wendover Detention Pond Restoration - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- n) Surplus Property (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- o) Approve Amended Plat for Bridgewater 3-A - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- p) Purchase Turnout Dryer - Fire Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"
- q) Surplus Items - Fire Department - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- r) Approve Memorandum of Agreement(s) with Word of Life Church, Trace Ridge Baptist Church, Old Town Wesley Church, Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Mt. Charity Baptist Church, and Holmes Community College for the 2025 Municipal Election Polling Locations - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"
- s) Approve Contract between City of Ridgeland and Madison County Circuit Clerk to Updated Polling Locations in SEMS Due to Redistricting of Wards - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"

The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 195595 - 195964 and January 10, 2025 Payroll (\$2,731,049.12). 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.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition, and economic development.

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive session to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition, and economic development. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, property acquisition, and economic development. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to authorize the City Attorney to file condemnation procedures for the Colony Park Boulevard Water Well Tank. The motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey 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. See Exhibit "T".

Alderman Wesley moved to established Just Compensation for parcel number 071G-36D-051-02.00 (W) for the Purple Creek Drainage Easement in the amount of \$52,900 and approved the City Attorney beginning condemnation proceedings after a 30 day period of negotiations. 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. A copy of the Establishment of Just Compensation is attached hereto as Exhibit "U".

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the revised Amazon Data Services - Ridgeland Project Site Ad Valorem Tax Agreement. 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. A copy of the revised Amazon Data Services - Ridgeland Project Site Ad Valorem Tax Agreement hereto as Exhibit "V".

Alderman D. I. Smith move to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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

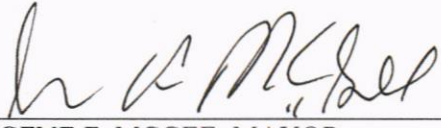
Abstention(s): None

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 6:36 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22ND day of January, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

