

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 1, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 1, 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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee, City Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Mayor and Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney's statement for services rendered through March 26, 2025.

Next came the recognition of Officer Anthony Thompson for being selected as "Officer of the Month" for February 2025. Mayor McGee announced that, in the early morning hours of February 15, 2025, officers discovered a burglary had occurred at a local business. Video evidence of the masked suspects was provided by the business owner. Officer Thompson identified the suspects based on several descriptive details. Because of Officer Thompson's attention to detail and his in-depth knowledge of past offenders in the area, he was able to identify and quickly apprehend those responsible for the burglary of the local business. Mayor McGee commended Officer Anthony Thompson for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 17, 2025 Work Session and the March 18, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Consent Agenda. Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Cooperative Agreement with Madison County for Street Maintenance and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-000-279 (Other Participation) \$1,035,000.00, Account 001-201-603 (Professional Fees-Streets) \$885,000.00, and Account 001-201-691 (Drainage) \$150,000.00 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"

- b) Approve Surplus Items (Public Works Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Deep Roots Construction Tree and Limb Removal Project to Establish Rates for Additional Removal Items - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Approve Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. Pay Application No. 2 for the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve an Ordinance Vacating and Abandoning a Certain Portion of the Unimproved and Unused Washington Street Right-of-way Lying between Central Avenue and the Rail Road Tracks - Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Special Event - Pepsi Pops (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Special Event - Southern AgCredit Fish Fry (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Special Event - Jazz Festival (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Approve Contract Between City of Ridgeland and Steve Azar for Balloon Glow 2025 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Declare Mars Marketing the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Purchase of Promotional Items for Century Ride - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Approve Letter of Engagement with Butler Snow for FY2024 Continuing Disclosure - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Re-Appoint Lesley Holleman of Fleet Feet to Ridgeland Tourism Board of Directors as Commissioner-At-Large - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"

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.

Next came the payment of claims 197141 - 197369 and the March 21, 2025 Payroll (\$3,443,870.36). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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.

The Mayor announced the need of going into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. 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 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 contract negotiations. The motion was second 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman D. I. Smith moved to approved the ADS Water and Wastewater Service Agreement Terms and Conditions. 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. A copy of the ADS Water and Wastewater Service Agreement Terms and Conditions is attached hereto as Exhibit "N".

Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 re-opened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

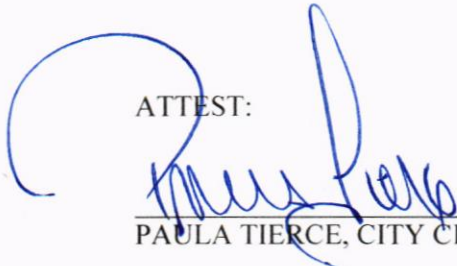
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 3rd day of April, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

