

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 15, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the April 15, 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 Ann Magee Stradinger followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Next came the recognition of Mayor's Youth Council that were present: Ty Davidson, Ann Magee Stradinger, Hallie Dale, Sharon Perez, Mary Russell Philpott, Luke Smith, Stella Hathcock, and Joselyn Bustillo

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the March 30, 2025 Work Session and the April 1, 2025 and April 4, 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) Site Plan / Architectural Review for Taste Italian Kitchen - Outdoor Dining - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Approve CE&I Pay Estimate No. 5 - U.S. Highway 51-Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"

- c) Surplus 2" Water Meters (Public Works) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Accept Insurance Check \$12,992.70 for Guardrail Damages Reimbursement and Approve Budget Amendment to increase 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) and to increase 001-201-603 (Professional Fees) by same amount - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Authority to Advertise Pavement Markings for Bids for Certain Roads - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$886 and Increasing Account 001-450-840 \$886 for the Knuckle Boom Lease Interest Payment - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Special Event - Ride of Silence (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Surplus Property (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

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.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 197370 - 197768 and April 4, 2025 Payroll (\$1,458,771.43). 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 Brian Ramsey, 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 an economic development/potential litigation matter. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss an economic development/potential litigation matter. 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 D. I. Smith moved to go into Executive Session to discuss an economic development/potential litigation matter. Alderman Wesley Hamlin seconded the motion 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.

(Alderman Brian Ramsey joined the meeting in person.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

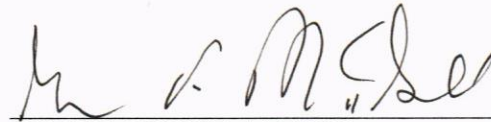
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Alderman Bill Lee
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Chuck Gautier

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no action was 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 7:03 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 16th day of April, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK