

MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
June 17, 2025  
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the June 17, 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 Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the June 2025 Sales Tax Report.

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Ridgeland Miss Hospitality Malee Davidson was introduced by Mayor Gene McGee.

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Mayor McGee then recognized Carlos Richardson for being selected Officer of the Month for April, 2025. Mayor McGee announced that Officer Richardson responded to reports of possible auto burglars in an apartment complex and observed a group of males actively burglarizing a blue Infiniti sedan in the parking lot. Demonstrating composure and tactical judgment, he detained two suspects at the scene. When two additional suspects fled on foot, Officer Richardson initiated a foot pursuit and successfully apprehended one of the fleeing individuals. Mayor McGee commended Officer Carlos Richardson for a job well done and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

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Next came the recognition of Brenda Collette for her initiative in keeping Ridgeland beautiful and her neighborhood maintained. Mrs. Collette was presented a key to the city by Alderman Wesley Hamlin.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 and June 9, 2025 Board of Aldermen meetings. 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) Declare Puckett Machinery the Lowest and Best Bid for the Generators - Fire Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "A"
- b) Purchase of Training Rescue Mannequin - Fire Department - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "B"
- c) Surplus items non-operable -Fire Department - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "C"
- d) Declare Crash Champions the Lowest and Best Bidder for the repairs to the 2015 Ford F-150 Truck (Public Works) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "D"
- e) Approve Budget Amendment Transferring \$105,571.10 from 001-201-604 (Professional Fees) to 001-201-575 (Street Materials) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "E"
- f) Approve Pay Estimate No. 4 for Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. for the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "F"
- g) Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Dean Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the Design and CE&I for the Topgolf Drive Traffic Signal on Colony Park Boulevard - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "G"
- h) Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Dean Engineering Solutions, Inc. for the Design and CE&I for the Topgolf Drive Road Extension - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"
- i) Approve CE&I Pay Estimate No. 7 for Michael Baker International, Inc. for the Highway 51 / Lake Harbour Drive Intersection Improvements Project - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"
- j) Authorize the Public Works Director to Advertise for Term Bids for FY26 - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "J"
- k) Accept Right-of-way Donation from Pracon MS Fund I, LLC - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K"
- l) Special Event - Pearl River Valley Independence Day Celebration (Police Department) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L"
- m) Budget for Amendment for Purple Creek Phase 3 - Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Funding - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M"
- n) Budget Amendment for West Jackson Street (Railroad District) Corridor Improvements - SS4A Demonstration Project - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "N"
- o) Budget Amendment Transferring Funds from the Colony Park Water and Sewer Funds to the Topgolf Drive Fund - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "O"
- p) Budget Amendment - Accept and Approve Check from Madison County Board of Supervisors (Police Department) - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "P"

- q) Consideration of Demolition Bids and Budget Amendment for 373 Red Eagle Circle - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q"
- r) Consideration of Demolition Bids and Budget Amendment for 325 West Oak Leaf Court - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "R"
- s) Sewer Adjustments - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S"
- t) Approve Resolution Imposing Special Tax of 1% on Restaurants and 2% on Hotels Effective October 1, 2025 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T"
- u) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund \$15,693.04 and Increasing Accounts 001-020-420 \$12,249.93, 001-020-460 \$2,505.99, and 001-020-470 \$937.12 - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U"
- v) Approve Resolution Designating Mayor Gene McGee the Mississippi Municipal League 2025 Voting Delegate and Alderman D. I. Smith the Alternate - Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V"
- w) Approve Contract Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for the City-wide Dead Tree and Limb Removal and Disposal Project Increasing the Contract Amount by \$46,324.00 and 87 Days - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "W"
- x) Approve Agreement with Bear Creek Water Association for the Collection of Garbage Fees - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "X"

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.

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Next came the payment of claims 198729 - 199163 and June 13, 2025 Payroll (\$2,155,362.93). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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.

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The Mayor announced the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. 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 D. I. Smith moved to leave the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bill Lee 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.

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The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that there was no 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 6:22 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK

