

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

Immediately prior to calling the meeting to order, Mayor McGee administered the oath of office for Alderman Bill Lee (via telephone).

The Mayor opened the July 1, 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 Bill Lee (via telephone), Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, City Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Officer Ben Johnson for being selected "Officer of the Month" for May 2025. Mayor McGee commended Officer Johnson for a job well done with his traffic stop of a vehicle for multiple traffic violations with K-9 partner Titus which resulted in a Trafficking of Controlled Substance, Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, and Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon arrest and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 16, 2025 Work Session and the June 17, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration for Mayor Pro-Temp Selection for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to appoint Alderman D. I. Smith as Mayor Pro Tempore for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the matter of cleaning the property identified by Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.02. City Clerk Angela Richburg affirmed that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry made a presentation regarding the property being in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry provided photographs of the property, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak regarding the property and there was no response. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.02 to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Guatier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None.

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "C".

Next came the matter of cleaning the property identified by Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.00. City Clerk Angela Richburg affirmed that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "D". Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry made a presentation regarding the property being in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry provided photographs of the property, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "E". The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak regarding the property and there was no response. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to declare Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.00 to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "F"

Next came the matter of cleaning the property at 1516 Huntington Place. City Clerk Angela Richburg affirmed that proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "G". Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry made a presentation regarding the property being in a state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry provided photographs of the property, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "H". The Mayor asked if there was anyone present that wanted to speak regarding the property and there was no response. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to declare 1516 Huntington Place to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "I".

Next came the Petition and Application to Rezone Real Property for Christ Covenant School. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Ordinance amending the official Zoning Ordinance and Map of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi to rezone real property located at 0000 Northpark Drive (Parcel Nos. 0721-32C-017/2.00, 0721-32C-017/5.00, and 0721-32C-

017/14.00 in the City of Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi, by changing the use district classification from C-1 and C-2 to S-1. 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

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

- a) Appointments - Angela Richburg (City Clerk), Brian Myers (Police Chief), Jonathan Posey (Fire Chief), Alan Hart (Public Works Director), John Sidney North (Director of Recreation and Parks), Harold McCarley (Municipal Court Judge), Robert Camp (Municipal Court Judge), Boty McDonald (City Prosecutor), Charles B. Jones (Public Defender) - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "K".
- b) Appoint City Attorney and Fix His Compensation - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "L".
- c) Approve travel to the 2025 Mississippi Municipal League Conference - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "M".
- d) Award Contract for Old Agency Ditch Improvements and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$394,995.00. Contract attached hereto as Exhibit "N".
- e) Approve Budget Amendment to Transfer \$371,976 from 001-201-691 to 001-201-760 for the Old Agency Ditch Improvements Project. Order attached Hereto as Exhibit "O".
- f) Declare C.C. Lynch & Associates, Inc. as the Sole Source Provider of Teledyne ISCO Products and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase Replacement Sensors for \$7,579.00. Order attached Hereto as Exhibit "P".
- g) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 44333 for CE&I Services for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project. Order attached Hereto as Exhibit "Q".
- h) Approve Waggoner Invoice Nos. 44343 and 44385 for CE&I Services for the Purple Creek Drainage Basin Improvements Project. Order attached Hereto as Exhibit "R".

- i) Approve Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. Pay Estimate No. 5 for the Purple Creek Drainage Improvements Project. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "S".
- j) Declare Temple, Inc. as the Sole Source Provider of Clary Corporation's ITS and Traffic Power Conditioning and UPS Systems and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase the Clary Battery Set and the Clary UPS Units for a total of \$34,439. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "T".
- k) Surplus and Donate the Talking Trash Cans that were built by Ridgeland High School and are kept at each Madison County School in Ridgeland. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "U".
- l) Reaffirm and Amend the Roadside and Sewer Easement Maintenance Contract with US Lawns to Include Additional Maintenance Areas. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "V".
- m) Affirm the Current Vector Disease Control, Inc. Agreement for Mosquito Spraying. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "W".
- n) Grant the Public Works Department the Authority to Advertise for Request For Proposals for Debris Monitoring and Debris Collection Agreement and Establish a Selection Committee to include: Alan Hart, Paul Forster, Matt Dodd. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "X".
- o) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract with AF&G, LLC for the 2025 Thermoplastic Pavement Markings on Designated City Streets Project. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Y".
- p) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the City of Ridgeland, MS for Water Supply. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "Z".
- q) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise for Bids for Roadside and Ditch Spraying Services. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "AA".
- r) Set Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text for August 5, 2025, at 6pm before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "BB".
- s) Adopt Social Media Policy - Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "CC".

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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 199164 to 199451 and the June 27, 2025, payroll in the amount of (\$2,615,075.64). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 10th day of July, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA E. RICHBURG, CITY CLERK