

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

August 19, 2025

6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the August 19, 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, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith, Attorney Jerry Mills, and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Officer Nicklous Brothens for being selected as the "Officer of the Month" for June 2025. Mayor McGee commended him for his quick response and the successful obtainment of a suspect charged with Burglary, Petit Larceny and Credit Card Fraud for stealing credit cards from a citizen's hotel room while the individual was at the swimming pool; he also encouraged him to continue the good work. A copy of the recognition letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the August 4, 2025, Work Session and the August 5, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the public hearing regarding Cleaning of Private Property at 707 Greenfield Drive. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Code Enforcement Officer Tally Berry made a presentation regarding a tree being 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 "C". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit "D". The Mayor then closed the public hearing. Alderman Chuck Gautier declared the tree a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the matter of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit "F". The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration to Adopt an Order Setting Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2026. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. 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 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 Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

a) Site Plan & Architectural Review for Brightview Credit Union – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "H"

b) Site Plan & Architectural Review for Entergy Power and Substation – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit "I"

- c) Approve Nunc Pro Tunc Dimensional Variance Ordinance for Heritage at Jacob's Farm – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “J”
- d) Approve Final Plat for Heritage at Jacob's Farm Subdivision – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “K”
- e) Approve Cost Resolution for 1516 Huntington Place – Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit “L”
- f) Approve Cost Resolution for Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.00 – Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit “M”
- g) Approve Cost Resolution for Parcel #072I-32C-001/01.02 – Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit “N”
- h) Approve Amended Fee Schedule (ARB and Zoning Board) – Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit “O”
- i) Authority for the Mayor to Sign the Crossing and Encroachment Consent Agreement with Texas Eastern for the Colony Park Blvd Sewer Line – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “P”
- j) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the US DOT SS4A Grant Agreement for the Railroad District Demonstration Grant - Federal Award No. 693JJ32540798 – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “Q”
- k) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 44778 in the Amount of \$16,772.50 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration & Mitigation Project – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “R”
- l) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 44776 in the Amount of \$7,615.15 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank & Well Project – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “S”
- m) Declare Dee Bunch Electrical as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Repair of the Soft Start at the Mt. Charity Church Well and Authorize the Public Works Department to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$6,000 – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “T”
- n) Surplus Property (Police Department) – Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit “U”
- o) Approve Axon Contract Renewal (Police Department) – Order Attached Hereto as “V” Exhibit
- p) Approve Tyler Technologies Contract Amendment (Police Department) – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “W”
- q) Amending Appendices to Section 24 of International Fire Code-Fire Department – Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit “X”

- r) Sewer Adjustments – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “Y”
- s) Approve Mayor's travel to the MML Board of Directors meeting in Tupelo on September 18 - 19. – Order Attached Hereto as Exhibit “Z”
- t) Ordinance Setting Monthly Fees for Garbage and Recycling – Ordinance Attached Hereto as Exhibit “AA”

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 200253 - 200646 and August 8, 2025, payroll in the amount of (\$2,198,877.56). 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need of going to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of entering into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Chuck Gautier seconded the motion 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman D.I. Smith seconded the motion 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.

(It was announced that the Board of Alderman were entering Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to allow the attorneys to take action to resolve the pending litigation with Mr. Terry Butler. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin.

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.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved 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 Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

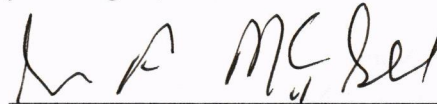
Abstention(s): None

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 6:22 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of August, 2025.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

