

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
September 2, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the September 2, 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 phone), Alderman D.I. Smith, Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Angela Richburg. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman D.I. Smith, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Officer Chris Clark for being selected as the "Officer of the Month" for July 2025. Mayor McGee commended him for his quick response in capturing a duo who were bringing individuals into the bank, having new accounts opened and cashing forged checks. He was also encouraged 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 18, 2025, Work Session and the August 19, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Adopt 2025 Tax Rolls Submitted by Madison County Tax Assessor - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B."*
- b) Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C."*
- c) Grant Public Works the Authority to Advertise for a Public Information Meeting for Highland Commerce Drive - October 27, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Board Room of City Hall - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D."*
- d) Award the I-55 LED Lighting Project to Powell Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$546,435 including the Base Bid and All Three Alternates and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract and LPA Forms - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E."*

- e) Award Contracts and Alternates for Emergency Debris Monitoring and Removal and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contracts - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F."*
- f) Authorize the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with US Lawns for Harbor Drive Landscape Maintenance - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G."*
- g) Award Term Bids to Various Vendors and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contracts for Each Vendor - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H."*
- h) Reject Certain Term Bids - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I."*
- i) Declare Coast Chlorinator & Pump Co., Inc. as the Lowest and Best Bidder and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase Chlorine Analyzers in the Amount of \$28,748.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J."*
- j) Award the Top Golf Way Extension Project to Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$396,775.00 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K."*
- k) Award the Colony Park Boulevard at Top Golf Way/Titan Circle Traffic Signal Project to Lewis Electric in the Amount of \$412,446.00 and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L."*
- l) Approve Change Order No. 1 and Pay Application No. 1 (Final) for the Old Agency Ditch Project and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Closeout Documents - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M."*
- m) Approve Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. Pay Application No. 7 for the Purple Creek Drainage Basin Improvements Project in the Amount of \$1,094,108.84 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N."*
- n) Site Plan & Architectural Review for Wealth Hospitality Revised Architecture - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O."*
- o) Surplus Items to be removed from inventory - Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P."*
- p) Accept Donation Embassy Suites Jackson/Ridgeland-Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q."*
- q) Special Event Permit - Renaissance Eurofest (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R."*
- r) Special Event Permit - Ridgeland High School Homecoming Parade (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S."*
- s) Review and Approve Quotes to Purchase Radars for new BMW Motorcycles (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T."*
- t) Review and Accept the Best Quote for Police Department Cleaning Services by All Pro Clean in the amount of \$5,800.00 for a one-time deep clean and a monthly amount of \$2,250.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U."*
- u) Designate RCX Sports Flag Football Sole Source - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V."*

- v) Accept Watkins Construction Mayor's Youth Council Donation in the amount of \$1,885.37 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W."*
- w) Review Quotes and Accept Rivers Pest Control as the Lowest and Best Quote for Pest Control of All Municipal Buildings in the Annual Amount of \$3,232.00. - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X."*
- x) Review and Accept the Lowest and Best Quote for City Hall Cleaning Services from All Pro Clean in the amount of \$2,250.00 monthly - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y."*
- y) Privilege License Report October 1, 2024 – August 26, 2025 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z."*
- z) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "AA."*

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 D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims numbered 200647 - 200940, August 22, 2025, Payroll and August 22, 2025, Supplemental Payroll (\$1,728,243.48). Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve. 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 D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss continued litigation. The motion was seconded by 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 D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a continued litigation matter. Alderman Kevin Holder 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 D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman D.I. Smith moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a motion was taken thereon as follows:

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

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 6:35 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 5th day of September, 2025

Gene F. McGee
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela E. Richburg
ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

