

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
November 4, 2025
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the November 4, 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, City Attorney Zach Giddy, and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Mayor Gene McGee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Officer Michael Rafidi for being selected as "Officer of the Month for September, 2025". Mayor McGee stated that Officer Rafidi established probable cause for a search during a routine traffic stop which led to the seizure of crack cocaine, marijuana, and fentaNYL along with packaging materials and paraphernalia and a firearm. This led to an investigation indicating the driver was involved in distribution of illegal narcotics and was currently paroled for a prior drug distribution charge. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Rafidi for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. The letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's Statement for Services rendered through October 28, 2025, and the September Fund Balance Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 1003 Brashears Point. The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made. Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 1003 Brashears Point and no response. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness and 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, and the resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Next came the discussion approving the Emergency Purchase Authorization for Samuel's Lane Well and Charity Church Well. Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Approve Hemphill Construction Application for Payment No. 9 in the Amount of \$199,909.68 for the Purple Creek Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6, MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- b) Approve Hemphill Construction Application for Payment No. 1 in the Amount of 92,943.00 for the Colony Park Blvd Water and Sewer Improvements Project - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- c) Award the Lake Harbour Drive Overlay Project to AJ Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$3,606,311.44 Contingent Upon MDOT Concurrence - STP-6944-00(001)LPA/109703-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- d) Declare Central Pipe & Supply and Badger as the Sole Source Provider for the Badger Cellular Service Units and authorize the payment of \$98,400 to Central Pipe & Supply - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- e) Approve Final Plat for 308 Corporate Drive Subdivision - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*

- f) Site Plan / Architectural Review for AWS Data Center Building 204 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- g) Declare Master Medical Equipment the lowest and best bidder for the Lifepak 15 Monitor and authorize the Fire Department to make the \$23,889.99 purchase — Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- h) Acceptance and Authorization of Donated Shed From Lowe's - Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- i) Authorization of Expenditure for Ladder Truck Repair in the amount of \$16,120.39- Procurement Law Compliance - Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- j) Authorization to Contribute 10% of Ridgeland's Future Opioid Settlement Funds to the 20th District's Circuit Adult Drug Intervention Court for support of the treatment court program - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- k) Approval of the Updated Resolution Authorizing Mayor to Enter Into an Agreement with the Municipal Intercept Company, LLC to Collect Debt between MIC and The City of Ridgeland and naming City Clerk Angela Richburg as the Debt Setoff Coordinator - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- l) Sewer adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- m) Acceptance of Court Clerk Michele Wallace's 2025 Municipal Court Clerks Conference Certificate of Completion for the Conference held September 17 - 19, 2025 in Oxford, Mississippi - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- n) Budget Amendment Increasing 015-021-540 in the Amount of \$2,593.01 (Operating Supplies) and decreasing 015-000-192 (Fund Balance) in the Amount of \$2,593.01 for Mayor's Youth Council Activity Supplies - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

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.

Next came the Payment of Claims 202261 - 202538, October 22, 2025, Supplemental Payroll, and October 31, 2025, Payroll in the amount of (\$2,510,845.72). Alderman Brian Ramsey 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 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 into executive session to discuss an Economic Development. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of entering into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin and a vote was taken there 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 Chuck Gautier moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a Fee In Lieu of Taxes request from Entergy Mississippi, LLC for the future Economic Development of a new Electrical Power Generation Facility. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Next came the discussion of the Fee In Lieu of Taxes Request made by Entergy Mississippi, LLC for a new Electrical Power Generation Facility being constructed. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve the agreement and resolution for the Fee In Lieu of Taxes by Entergy Mississippi, LLC. 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. Agreement attached as Exhibit "Q" hereto.

Alderman Ken Heard moved to leave Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Aldermen Bill Lee and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

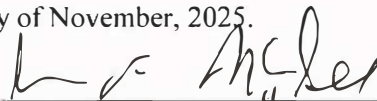
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

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 6:31 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of November, 2025.


 GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


 ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

