

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

**January 6, 2026  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the January 6, 2026 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 John Scanlon and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting opened with an invocation by Alderman Bill Lee followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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Next came the recognition of Sergeant Justin Crawford for being selected "Officer of the Month for November 2025." Mayor McGee stated that Sgt. Crawford, with the help of his shift members, assisted the Alabama Department of Human Services with the safe recovery of two children taken from an Alabama foster home by their mother who violated a court order. Mayor McGee thanked Sgt. Crawford for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. - The letter of recognition is *attached hereto as Exhibit "A"*

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's Statement for Services rendered through December 23, 2025.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for the vacant lot - Parcel #072H-33A-00401.00 (Thompson Shelton Road). The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made. Public Works Director, Alan Hart, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs and recommended that the property be declared in a 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 Parcel #072H-33A-00401.00 and received no response. Alderman D.I. Smith 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 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. - *Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"*

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Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 604 Goodridge Road, which is vacant. The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made. Alan Hart, Public Works Director, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs and recommended that the property be declared in a 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 604 Goodridge Road and one of the owners of the property, Dr. Reginald Martin, spoke. He asked that the family have time to clean and secure the building on the property as they work to proceed with the sale to a local business. Alderman Kevin Holder 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 and required the representative to secure the vacant building for purposes of preventing unauthorized occupancy of the building and to abate all safety hazards created by downed power lines on the property. 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. *Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"*

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

- a) Approval of the Resolution between the Madison County Board of Supervisors, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, the City of Jackson, the City of Ridgeland, and the Madison County Economic Development Authority to Commence A Regional Partnership Effort Dedicated to the Improvement of the West County Line Transportation Corridor - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- b) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Entergy Mississippi - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E."*

- c) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Standard Bearer Int'l Worship Center - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- d) Approve the Garver CE&I Invoice No. 1 in the Amount of \$3,727.31 for the I-55 and Old Agency Rd LED Lighting Project – STP-0213-00(038)LPA/109704-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- e) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Invoice No. 28414 in the Amount of \$25,000.00 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- f) Approve the Budget Amendment Increasing 315-601-604 in the Amount of \$60,345.00 and Decreasing 315-000-192 in the Amount of \$60,345.00 for the Final Payment to Hemphill Construction Co. for the City Center Site Development Project and Authorize Payment of Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 4. Final in the Amount of \$60,344.28 - *Resolution and Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- g) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 6 in the Amount of \$472,377.62 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- h) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 11 in the Amount of \$495,698.71.00 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- i) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Abandonment of an Existing Easement and Grant of a New Easement on Lot 40, Ridgeland East Subdivision, Part 1, and part of Lot 182, Longmeadow Subdivision, Part Four, Madison County, MS and Authorize the City Attorney to File the Easement following Receipt of Partial Release Forms - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- j) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract with AJ Construction, Inc. for the Lake Harbour Drive Overlay Project - STP-6944-00(001)LPA109703/701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- k) Authorize the Public Works Department to Use Jenkins Automotive to Make Repairs to the Knuckle Boom Truck - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- l) Review and Approve Purchase from Ultimate Training Munitions with Sole Source Letter (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- m) Deputy Court Clerk Appointment of Corporal Carlos Richardson (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- n) Designate Ro-Ro Laser Designs as the Lowest and Best Bidder for Medals for 2026 Century Ride, and authorize Recreation and Parks to issue a Purchase Order for the medals, in the amount of \$5,118.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- o) Budget Amendment Approval Increasing 005-101-730 in the Amount of \$154,649.00 and Decreasing 005-000-192 in the Amount of \$154,649.00 for the 2026 Tyler Upgrade Balance - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*

- p) Approve the \$500.00 Deposit for White House Hotel Mississippi Municipal League 2026 Conference Room Block and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- q) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- r) Declare the BCI Dell PowerStore 500T Quote #053819 in the Amount of \$73,605.00 the Lowest and Best Quote and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- s) Declare the BCI Dell S5212F-ON iSCSI Switches Quote #053688 in the Amount of \$15,339.58 the Lowest and Best Quote and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*

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.

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Next came the payment of claims 203510 - 203810 and the December 26, 2025, payroll in the amount of (\$3,314,547.74). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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.

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The Mayor announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need to enter into executive session to discuss economic development and pending litigation.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman D.I. Smith moved to enter Closed Session to discuss an economic development opportunity and pending litigation. 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to enter Executive Session to discuss an economic development opportunity and pending litigation. 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.

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Alderman Kevin Holder moved to adjourn Executive Session. 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 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 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 6:42 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Gene F. McGee  
GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela E. Richburg  
ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

