

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 20, 2015
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the first regular January, 2015 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney James Gabriel, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the January 2015 Sales Tax.

Next came the recognition of Officer Sam Barnett for being selected Officer of the Month for November 2014. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on November 5, 2014 Officer Sam Barnett responded to a local business in reference to the report of embezzlement, which spanned the course of several weeks and involved a large amount of money. Officer Barnett was able to effectively interview the suspect and obtained a full confession. Officer Barnett, on his own without the assistance of an investigator, solved the crime and completed a narrative detailed his action without the assistance of an investigator, which is the perfect example of what an officer can accomplish if he just applies what he has been taught. Mayor McGee pointed out that Officer Barnett set a good example for his colleagues and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the December 15, 2014 Work Session and December 16, 2014 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that he had received a request from Kelly Simpkins to continue the public hearing for the consideration of the Section 11 Reconsideration Petition and the Class A Nonconforming Zoning Status by BBC Baymeadows, LLC. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that the counsel for BBC Maymeadows, LLC has a conflict for the February 3, 2015 meeting. Mayor McGee continued the public hearing for the consideration of the Section 11 Reconsideration Petition and the Class A Nonconforming Zoning Status by BBC Baymeadows, LLC to February 17, 2015. A copy of an email dated January 20, 2015 to Mayor McGee from Kelly Simpkins is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of the Architectural Review Board regarding the Shadowood Entrance features. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Shadowood Entrance features and the motion died due to the lack of a second. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to send the matter back to the Architectural Review Board for more discussion and consideration and the motion died due to a lack of a second. Alderman Wes Hamlin moved to table the matter until the February 3, 2015 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye

Alderman Brian Ramsey Aye
Alderman Ken Heard Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Chuck Gautier requested that item “e” be removed from the Consent Agenda due to a personal conflict. Paula Tierce, City Clerk, informed the Mayor that she had been notified by Chief Randy Tyler that there was an item listed for surplus in item “k” that should be removed. Chief Randy Tyler then informed the Board of Aldermen that the item was issued to a Reserve Officer who has left the state and cannot be located. Mayor McGee then stated that a separate item needed to be added to declare the property surplus. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Site Plan/Architectural Review for Taco Bell (County Line Road) – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “B”*
- b) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Madison County, Mississippi and the City of Ridgeland Regarding the Funding of Certain Street Improvements – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- c) Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-394 (Sale of Equipment) and 001-100-740 (Police Capital Vehicles) \$6,724.75 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- d) Special Event – Fine Arts Festival – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- e) Special Event – Madison County Chamber of Commerce Dragon Boat Regatta – **REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**
- f) Special Event – MS Municipal League/Ridgeland Recreation & Parks – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- g) Special Event – SouthGroup – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- h) Special Event – Special Olympics of MS Polar Palooza – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- i) Special Event – St. Andrew’s Arts on the Green – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- j) Special Event – BAAS Masters – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- k) Surplus Property – Duty Weapons – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- l) Lake Harbour Widening Construction and Engineering Pay Request #26 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- m) Surplus Property – Duty Weapon – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*

The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith Aye
Alderman Scott Jones Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey Aye
Alderman Ken Heard Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Chuck Gautier left the meeting and recused himself completely of the Special Event Application submitted by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce for the Dragon Boat Regatta.

Next came the consideration of the Special Event Permit Application submitted by the Madison County Chamber of Commerce for the Dragon Boat Regatta. Alderman Wes Hamlin moved to

approve the Special Event Permit Application. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Recused
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit “N”.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier Entered Meeting)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 120535 through 120847 and the January 9, 2015 Payroll, which totals \$1,727,180.87, be approved and paid. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the second regular January 2015 meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of January, 2015.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK