

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
January 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the January 20, 2026, meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), 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 Recreation and Parks Director John Sidney North followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Sergeant Bobby Aubrey for being selected "Firefighter of the Month for December 2025." Mayor McGee stated Sgt. Aubrey took a leading role in reworking the Fire Department's Standard Operating Guidelines, assuming responsibility for the technical implementation by drafting, formatting, and fully reconfiguring the document while on and off duty. This has provided the Fire Department with improved clarity, consistency, and usability of the Standard Operating Guidelines. Mayor McGee thanked Sgt. Aubrey 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 December 2025 Financial Statement, December 2025 Fund Balance Report and the January 2026 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 5, 2026, Work Session and the January 6, 2026, 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 D.I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Appointment of Carol Salers to the Madison County Library Board - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*

- b) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the CE&I Contract with Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC for the Steed Road Multiuse Path Project Pending MDOT Concurrence - STP-0213-00(037)LPA/109472-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- c) Authorize the Mayor to Apply for the Highway 51 Safety Improvements Project through STBG Funding and Authorize him to sign all associated forms - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- d) Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Madison County to Pave Roads in Ridgeland and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing 001-000-279 Other Participation by \$1,500,000 and Increasing 001-201-603 Professional Fees- Streets by \$1,500,000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) Site Plan and Architectural Review for StudioRes Hotel (Ridgeland Avenue) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- f) Approve a 1-yr Contract Renewal with Vector Disease Control International (VDCI) for the Integrated Mosquito Management Program - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) Approve 1-yr Contract Renewal with US Lawns for the I-55 Roadside Maintenance — *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) Approve 1-yr Contract Renewal with US Lawns for the Roadside and Sewer Easement Maintenance - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) Amend the Lake Harbour Drive and Northpark Drive Intersection Contract with US Lawns to Include Additional Roadside Landscape Bed Maintenance - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) Designate Eagle Pipe and Supply as the Lowest and Best Bidder and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase the Sewer Push Camera in the Amount of \$11,443.13 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) Approve the Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45735 in the Amount of \$134,888.00 for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - STP-0213-00(039) LPA / 109705-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- l) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 45799 in the Amount of \$23,040.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- m) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45803 in the Amount of \$16,485.00 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- n) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45804 in the Amount of \$21,000 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- o) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45806 in the Amount of \$4,350.00 for the Colony Park Blvd Additional Water Line Improvements - EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

- p) Approve Dean Engineering Solutions, Inc. Invoice No. 26001 in the Amount of \$5,000.00 for the TopGolf Way Extension Project –State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- q) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 3 in the Amount of \$121,390.87 for the TopGolf Way Extension Project –State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- r) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 4 in the Amount of \$577,403.79 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriation Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- s) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract with Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for Engineering Services for East Lake Harbour Drive Multi-use Trail Connector - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- t) Declare Performance Rescue the lowest and best bidder for TNT Extrication Equipment for Engine 5 and authorize the Fire Department to make the \$21,860.00 purchase - Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- u) Declare Emergency Equipment Professionals the lowest and best bidder for 5" and 3" hoses for Engine 5 and authorize the Fire Department to make the \$14,332.23 purchase. - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- v) Surplus Equipment Items: Air compressor and Dell Projector and approval for disposal - Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- w) Motorola Solution Service Agreement (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- x) Acceptance of the Privilege License Report for December 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- y) Approve Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*
- z) Declare the Exchange of the City Observance of Confederate Memorial Day in the Holiday Schedule to Good Friday Effective Calendar Year 2026 as Allowed by Mississippi Code of 1972 3-3-7 (2) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*

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 (via telephone), 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 203811 - 204185 and January 9, 2026, Payroll in the amount of (3,121,891.75. 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 (via telephone), 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 to enter into executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman D.I. Smith moved to enter Closed Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. 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 (via telephone), 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

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the termination of the Puckett contract generators, State Contract purchase of generators from Home Depot, the response to the City of Madison Suit and issue of Notice of Claim to the City of Madison. 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 (via telephone), 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 matter came before the Mayor and Board regarding the Puckett Power Systems generator bid approval for Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3. The City attorney advised the board that the bid specifications for the equipment were not consistent with the needs of the city. It was noted that Puckett Power Systems offered to provide the proper equipment at a different price than was contained in the bid specs. The City attorney offered the Mayor and Board the opinion that the change of bid specs did not comply with the bid laws of the State of Mississippi. In his opinion, permitting a change order to the non-specified equipment would violate the State of Mississippi bid law. Alderman Wesley Hamlin offered a motion to deny such a change and directed the termination of all agreements pursuant to such bid and to authorize the purchase of the generator equipment pursuant to State of Mississippi contract pricing based on the Fire Chief's directed statement that the appropriate equipment was available by State Contract and the motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier.

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), 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. Order attached hereto as Exhibit "bb"

The Mayor advised the Board that the City of Ridgeland was served Civil Action #2026-0016. The Board discussed the matter and directed the City attorney to give the City of Madison Notice of a Claim pursuant to the Mississippi Tort Reform Act for the recovery of damages as a result of intentional interference with the contractual relations and rights of the City of Ridgeland in addition to seek appropriate sanctions for the filing of a frivolous appeal and to fully oppose the grant of such an appeal. A motion was made by Alderman Chuck Gautier and seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey.

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, (via telephone), 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to adjourn Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

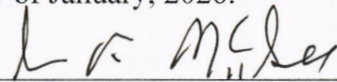
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

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 6:50 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 26th day of January, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

