

**MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE  
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI  
February 3, 2026  
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the February 3, 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 Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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Next came the recognition of the Old Town Middle School's 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team for their outstanding accomplishment in winning the 2025 Little Six Conference Championship. The Lady Titans consist of the following: Aaliyah Egerton, Aubrey Thomas, Azeria Erving, Kaelyn Waller, Kaitlyn Taylor, Leah Esco, Madalyn Micou, Maliyah Welch, Oniya Green, Serenity Madacure, and Taylor Ward. Mayor McGee thanked Coach Tondia Collier, Principal Levi Robinson, Assistant Principal Jamison Stokes, and the Lady Titans for their hard work, discipline, and positive representation of the City of Ridgeland. He also encouraged them to continue the good work on and off the basketball court. — *Proclamation Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"*

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Next came the recognition of Officer Michael Rafidi for being selected "Officer of the Month for December 2025." Mayor McGee stated Officer Rafidi was able to identify the suspect despite the limited quality of surveillance footage based on their build and matching of the backpack. The suspect was found with stolen property and charged with three counts of Auto Burglary. Officers were later able to recover additional stolen property in a neighboring abandoned business. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Rafidi for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work.- *Letter is Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*

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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided with the City Attorney's Statement of Services through January 28, 2026.

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Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the January 20, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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Next came the motion to Approve the Resolution Of The Mayor And Board Of Aldermen Of The City Of Ridgeland, Mississippi, Approving A Regional Economic Development Act Alliance Agreement and a Regional Economic Development Act Application To The Mississippi Development Authority In Connection With The Inducement Of A Regional Economic Development Project And Related Matters. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve. 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 Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*

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Next came the motion to Approve the Regional Economic Development Act Alliance Agreement — Madison County Conference Center Development Project. Alderman D.I. Smith 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.- *Agreement is Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*

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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 Bid Award for Reverse Auction of Dump Truck to Empire Truck Sales, LLC and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase the Dump Truck in the Amount of \$127,417.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- b) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 7 in the Amount of \$154,749.79 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*

- c) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 12 in the Amount of \$217,577.33 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- d) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Change Order No. 3 in the Amount of \$0 and For No Additional Time to True-up Final Quantities for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- e) Approve the Dean Engineering, Inc. Invoice No. 25069 in the Amount of \$6,500.00 for the TopGolf Way Extension Project –State Appropriated Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- f) Declare AF&G, LLC as the Lowest and Best Bidder and Authorize the Public Works Department to Issue a PO for Striping of Certain City Streets - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- g) Accept Letter from Edko and Agree to Terminate the Term Bid Contract for Spraying Services - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- h) Declare Edko, LLC as the Lowest and Best Bidder and Authorize the Public Works Department to Purchase Chemicals in the Amount of \$12,911.46 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- i) Approve Edko, LLC is the Lowest and Best Bidder for Chemical Application Labor Services for February 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- j) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise for Bids for the Supply of Materials and Labor for City-wide Chemical Applications Contract - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- k) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise a Request for Proposals from Engineers for Engineering Design Services through Bidding and Contracting for the Railroad District/Jackson Street SS4A Implementation Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- l) Authorize the Public Works Department to Advertise for Bids for the Colony Park Water Distribution Improvements Project - EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- m) Approve Project Activation Request for Lake Harbour Drive (East) Multi-Use Path - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- n) Approve Water and Sewer Rates - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- o) Declare North American Fire Equipment Inc. the lowest bidder for Hose and Nozzles for Enging 5 and authorize the Fire Department to make the \$15,634.00 purchase.- Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- p) MOU with State Fire Academy (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- q) Surplus Property (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- r) Special Event — Costco Key Express (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*

s) Approve Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*

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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Next came the PAYMENT OF CLAIMS 204186 - 204362 and January 23, 2026, Payroll in the amount of (\$2,320,153.06). Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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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The Mayor announced the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of Executive Session to discuss continued litigation and setting just compensation for real estate.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Ken Heard moved to enter Closed Session to discuss continued litigation and setting just compensation for real estate. 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to enter Executive Session to discuss continued litigation and establishing just compensation for four parcels. 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.

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Alderman Kevin Holder moved to establish just compensation for the following four parcels:

- 071G-25D-104/00.00 PPIN 5819 of Madison County owned by Kenneth Earl Carter in the amount of \$153,000.00
- 071G-25D-101/00.00 PPIN 5816 of Madison County owned by Dwayne & Marzella Carter in the amount of \$149,000.00
- 071G-25D-099/00.00 PPIN 5814 of Madison County owned by Joseph L. & Henritta Williams in the amount of \$169,000.00
- 071G-25D-106/00.00 PPIN 5821 of Madison County owned by John H. & Rosie L. Clark in the amount of \$153,000.00

and authorized the offer of said amounts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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. Just Compensation Offers are attached hereto as Exhibit "X".

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Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to adjourn the 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, 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 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 6:21 p.m.

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

  
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GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

