

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
February 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the February 17, 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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith, Attorney John Scanlon, and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Firefighter Brian Bullock for being selected "Fireman of the Month for January 2026". Mayor McGee stated Firefighter Bullock's professionalism, initiative, and dedication to the Ridgeland Fire Department was shown by continually taking the initiative to complete assigned responsibilities and identifying additional projects around the station without being directed by Command Staff. Mayor McGee thanked Firefighter Bullock for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. *The letter attached as Exhibit "A"*

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 2, 2026, Work Session and the February 3, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the January 2026 Financial Statement, January 2026 Fund Balance Report and the February 2026 Sales Tax Report.

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 Emergency Purchases for Western Well Motor Replacement and Repair - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*

- b) Approve Cintas Uniform Agreement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- c) Authorize Mayor Gene McGee to sign the Canadian National RR License for Underground Pipelines, Cables and Conduit for the Water Line Crossing along Colony Park Boulevard - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- d) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Second Amendment to Site License Agreement with Cellular South Real Estate, Inc. for the Natchez Trace Tank Lease at 102 Old Town Crossing - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) Declare Jones Hardscapes as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Retain Wall Around the Police Department Workout Facility and Authorize the Police Department to Issue the Purchase Order in the Amount of \$11,000.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- f) Grant the Public Works Department the Authority to Advertise for the Steed Road Multi-use Path Extension Project - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) Approve a Budget Amendment by Transferring \$400,000.00 from Highland Commerce Drive Fund to the Highland Commerce Drive Water and Sewer Fund for Utility Relocation Projects - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) Approve the Dean Engineering, Inc. Invoice No. 26013 (Final Invoice) in the Amount of \$6,000.00 for the TopGolf Way Extension Project –State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 45957 in the Amount of \$44,160.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) Approve the Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45958 in the Amount of \$134,486.83 for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - STP-0213-00(039) LPA / 109705-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45959 in the Amount of \$5,700.00 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- l) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45960 in the Amount of \$6,000 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798- *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- m) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45961 in the Amount of \$5,850.00 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation Project - LPDM-PJ-04-MS-2024-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- n) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 45962 in the Amount of \$175.00 for the Colony Park Blvd Additional Water Line Improvements - EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- o) Approve Hemphill Construction Co, Inc. Change Order No. 1 and Final in the Amount of -\$16,115.14 for the Topgolf Way Extension Project - State Appropriation Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*

- p) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 4 and Final in the Amount of \$27,776.74 for the TopGolf Way Extension Project and Approve Release of Bonds – State Appropriation Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- q) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 5 in the Amount of \$128,554.91 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- r) Site Plan & Architectural Review for Word of Life Church - Site Improvements - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- s) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Mid-State Construction Office - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- t) Budget Amendment for AFG-Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- u) Adoption of Revisions to Ridgeland Fire Department Operating Policies (RFDOP) - Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- v) Surplus and dispose of non-working dishwasher at Station 4 — Fire Department - - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- w) Review and Approve Grant and Approve Budget Amendment (Police Department) - *Order and Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- x) Review and Approve Quotes for New Duty Weapons (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- y) Approve contract with Pyro Shows for Fireworks for Balloon Glow 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*
- z) Acceptance or the Privilege License Report for January 1, 2026 - January 31, 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*
- aa) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "bb"*

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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 204363 - 204660, January 2026 Monthly, and February 3, 2026, Payroll in the amount of (\$2,770,873.50). 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 (via telephone), 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 a personnel issue, potential litigation, and sale of property.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman D.I. Smith moved to enter Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue, potential litigation, and sale of property. 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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Bill Lee moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a Public Works Personnel issue, a potential buyer of the Old City Hall, and potential class action litigation regarding Fire Engines inflated costs. 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 (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the motion to enter into a letter agreement with Schwartz & Associates, P.A. for legal representation of the City in a class action lawsuit involving Fire Truck Industry Pricing. 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 (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The agreement is attached here to as Exhibit "cc".

Next came the discussion to remove Randy Bickley, Equipment Operator II, of the Public Works Department from the Personnel Roster. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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 (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to grant the Mayor authority to enter into negotiations to sell the Old City Hall property at 304 Highway 51, Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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 (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman D.I. Smith 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 (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), 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 6:58 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 24th day of February, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

