

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 21, 2026
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the April 21, 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 (via telephone), 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 Chuck Gautier followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Boy Scout Samuel Woo of First Baptist Jackson Troop 8 was introduced.

Next came the recognition of Firefighter Jalyne Miles for being selected "Firefighter of the Month for March 2026." Mayor McGee stated Firefighter Miles was recognized for his dedication to training, leadership, and positive influence within the Ridgeland Fire Department. He consistently mentors new employees to assist them in developing the skills necessary to serve our community. Mayor McGee thanked Firefighter Miles for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. The letter of recognition is attached here to as Exhibit "A".

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

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, Work Session and the April 7, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that a "Waste Management Solid Waste and Disposal Extension Agreement" was being added to the consent agenda as item cc and provided a copy to them for their review.

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

- a) Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report as Provided by BMSS, LLC - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*
- b) Approve Mayor's Appointment of City Engineer Paul Forster to Serve as a Member At Large on the Jackson Water Authority Board - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- c) Approve Appointment of Alison Guynes to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee by Alderman Ken Heard - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- d) Amend the Boring Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland - *Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for PWTint, LLC (Automotive Sales) - *Ordinance Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- f) Approve Budget Amendment for the Wheatley Street Road Improvement Project by Transferring the Certain Line Items from the Wheatley Street Road Improvements Project Fund to the Wheatley Street Sewer Fund: Decrease 360-601-750 (Contractor) by \$224,523; Decrease 360-601-600 (Engineering) by \$19,034; Increase 360-601-900 (Transfer Out); Increase 470-000-380 (Transfer In) by \$243,557; Increase 470-650-750 (Contractor) by \$224,523; and Increase 470-650-600 (Engineering) by \$19,034 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) Declare Faircloth Demolition, Inc. as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Demolition located at 604 Goodridge Drive and Authorize the Community Development Division to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$18,700, and; Approve Budget Amendment Transferring \$18,700 from the General Fund Balance to 001-180-604 (Professional Fees - Other) - *Order and Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) Approve the AJ Construction Co. Pay Application No. 1 in the Amount of \$234,561.24 for the Lake Harbour Drive Overlay Project – STP-6944-00(001)LPA 109703/701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Invoice No. 28667 in the Amount of \$9,805.00 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Invoice No. 28858 in the Amount of \$25,000.00 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Invoice No. 29035 in the Amount of \$30,000.00 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- l) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 3 in the Amount of \$185,807.71 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County

ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*

- m) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 7 in the Amount of \$886,821.30 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- n) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 9 in the Amount of \$329,138.21 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- o) Approve Neel-Schaffer Invoice No. 1114930 in the Amount of \$22,669.39 for the Lake Harbour Drive Multiuse Trail Extension Project - STP/LPA - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- p) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 46364 in the Amount of \$22,080.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- q) Approve the Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46366 in the Amount of \$57,194.50 for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - STP-0213-00(039) LPA / 109705-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- r) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46367 in the Amount of \$1,140.00 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- s) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46368 in the Amount of \$37,200.00 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- t) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46369R in the Amount of \$22,734.10 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation Project - LPDM-PJ-04-MS-2024-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- u) Authorize the Public Works to Issue a Purchase Order to Wilkerson's Diesel & Tire Parts & Service, Inc. in the Amount of \$17,495.74 for the Repair of the 2009 International 4300 that is Currently Broken Down in the Shop - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- v) MOU - The University of Southern Mississippi Internship Program (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- w) Special Event - Pepsi Pops (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- x) Amend the Budget by Increasing 001-000-348 (Donations Restricted) and 001-160-540 (Operating Supplies) in the amount of \$2,500.00 — Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- y) Accept the Hemphill Construction Mayor's Youth Council Donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 and Amend the Budget by Increasing 015-000-348 (Donations Restricted) and 015-021-540 (Operating Supplies) by the same amount - *Order and Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*

- z) Acceptance of the Privilege License Report for March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*
- aa) Acceptance of the Anonymous Donation of Two Horse Statues with Installation at Freedom Ridge Park with an Estimated Value of \$40,000.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "bb"*
- bb) Approve \$350.00 Advertising Sponsorship for Ridgeland's Miss Hospitality Contestant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "cc"*
- cc) Approve the Waste Management Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Agreement Extension - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "dd"*

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 (via telephone), 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 Approve Payment of Claims 205709 - 206102 and the April 17, 2026, Payroll (\$4,431,507.00). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. 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 (via telephone), 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 pending litigation.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to enter Closed Session to discuss potential 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 (via telephone), 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 Wesley Hamlin moved to enter Executive Session to discuss three items of ongoing and potential 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 (via telephone), Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), 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 D.I. Smith, and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

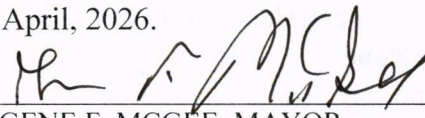
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee (via telephone), Alderman Brian Ramsey (via telephone), Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced there was no action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

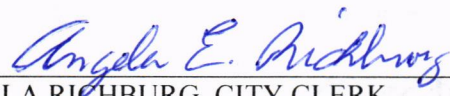
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 23rd day of April, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

