

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI**

June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

The Mayor called the June 2, 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 Zachary Giddy, 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 Officer Tristan Xerri for being selected "Officer of the Month for May, 2026." Mayor McGee stated Officer Xerri was crucial in possibly saving a citizen's life with his quick assessment of a saw blade injury and quick application of a tourniquet to control the bleeding until emergency medical personnel arrived. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Xerri for his use of his training during a high-stress situation and his dedication to the City of Ridgeland before encouraging him to continue the good work. The letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 19, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney's Statement for Services of April 22, 2026 through May 22, 2026.

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 Resolution Amending 2026 Madison County, Mississippi Urban Renewal Plan - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"*
- b) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Madison County Conference Center and Hotel at Prado Vista - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*

- c) Acceptance of the Warranty Deed and Right of Way Instrument from Entergy MS LLC - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- d) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC Invoices No. 28932 in the Amount of \$25,000.00 and No. 29314 in the Amount of \$108,100.00 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- e) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 4 in the Amount of \$240,041.11 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- f) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 11 in the Amount of \$214,226.80 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- g) Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement with TekConnect for the Rental Licensing and inspection Software - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- h) Authorize the Public Works Department to Use Wilkerson's Diesel & Tire Parts & Service, Inc. to Repair the 2009 International Dump Truck (Broken Down in Shop) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- i) Surplus Gas Monitor-Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- j) Surplus Property (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- k) Review and Approve Unmarked Vehicle List (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- l) Special Event - Fleet Feet "The Big Run" (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- m) Review Quotes and Approve Southern Connection as the Lowest and Best for the Upfit of a New Vehicle for the Ridgeland Police Department (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- n) Designate Michael Moore (Your Personal Chef) as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Meal for Balloon Glow and authorize Recreation and Parks to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$8,050.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- o) Designate Bankston Fence as the lowest and best bidder to Replace Damaged Fence and Gate at Wolcott Park - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- p) Approve the Contract with Stagelite Sound LLC - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- q) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- r) Acceptance of the City Clerk's IIMC Continuing Education Certificates - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*

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.

Next came the payment of claims 206761 - 207016 and May 29, 2026, payroll in the amount of (\$2,512,750.47). Alderman Ken Heard 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to enter Closed Session to discuss potential litigation. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. 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,
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 discussion of setting a counteroffer for the Leroy Shelton property Parcel 071G-36A-068/00.00/ PPIN 6938 with a twenty percent (20%) increase above the Fair Market Value. Alderman Chuck Gautier 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,
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 Kevin Holder moved to adjourn Executive Session. 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.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

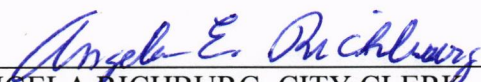
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 8th day of June, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

