

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

May 19, 2026

6:00 PM

The Mayor called the May 19, 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 (via telephone), Deputy City Clerk Ina Byrd and Attorney John Scanlon. The meeting opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Captain Ben West for being selected "Fireman of the Month for April 2026". Mayor McGee stated that he consistently ensured that all stations were well maintained, presentable, and operating efficiently, while proactively identifying and addressing maintenance concerns before they became larger issues. Mayor McGee thanked Captian West for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. The recommendation letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 4, 2026, Work Session and the May 5, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 111 Ridgeway Drive. The Deputy City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 111 Ridgeway Drive and received no response. Alderman Ken Heard moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness and to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 583 Boardwalk Boulevard. The Deputy City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "F" and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 583 Boardwalk Boulevard and received no response. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness and to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "G".

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 615 Muirwood Circle. The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "H". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "I" and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 615 Muirwood Circle and received no response. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness and to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "J".

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 1889 Lincolnshire Boulevard. The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "K". Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "L" and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanliness to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. The Mayor asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the property located at 1889 Lincolnshire Boulevard and received no response. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanliness and to be a menace to the public health, safety and/or welfare of the community. 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 (via telephone)
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "M".

Next came the discussion of a Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit for Shanta & Jitender Khanna presented by Public Works Director Alan Hart. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve as presented and recommended by the . 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 (via telephone)
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit "N".

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 the AJ Construction Co. Pay Application No. 2 in the Amount of \$357,519.64 for the Lake Harbour Drive Overlay Project – STP-6944-00(001)LPA 109703/701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- b) Approve Britton's Abbey Final Plat, Covenants, and Design Guidelines with the Condition that Covenants Must Not Be Changed without the Approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen until Turnover to the HOA - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- c) Approve Britton's Abbey Amendment to the Development Agreement (Sidewalk along William Boulevard) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- d) Accept Britton's Abbey Donation/Payment of \$21,200 In-Lieu of Construction of Sidewalk along William Boulevard to be Applied to the Future Multi-use Trail Project Along William Boulevard - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- e) Approve the Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46546 in the Amount of \$67,612.00 for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - STP-0213-00(039) LPA / 109705-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- f) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46561 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 "T"*
- g) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46563 in the Amount of \$46,800.00 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- h) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46564 in the Amount of \$24,222.50 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation Project - LPDM-PJ-04-MS-2024-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- i) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 46545 in the Amount of \$10,560.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- j) Approve the Powell Construction Services, Inc. Invoice No. 1 in the Amount of \$195,035.09 for the I-55 and Old Agency Rd LED Lighting Project – STP-0213-00(038)LPA/109704-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- k) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 8 in the Amount of \$186,458.25 for the Colony Park Boulevard Water and Sewer Project – Madison County ARPA Transfer Funds and State Appropriate Funds - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- l) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 10 in the Amount of \$199,488.79 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*
- m) MOU - Madison County School District (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*
- n) Special Event - Balloon Glow (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "bb"*

- o) Surplus Property (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "cc"*
- p) Review and Approve Quotes to have the Floors Cleaned and Waxed (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "dd"*
- q) Review and Approve Quotes for Lawn Maintenance (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "ee"*
- r) Acceptance of the Privilege License Report for April 1, 2026 - April 30, 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "ff"*
- s) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "gg"*
- t) Approve the Budget Amendment Decreasing 476-000-192 (ARPA Fund Balance) and Increasing 476-650-900 (Transfer Out), 400-000-380 (Transfer In), and 400-650-760 (Capital Utility Systems) Each in the Amount of \$468,050.00 for the Rehabilitation of Samuels Lane Well - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "hh"*

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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of claims 206341 - 206760 and May 15, 2026, Payroll in the amount of (\$2,985,630.19). Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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 (via telephone)

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 and establishing Just Compensation Offers.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to enter Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and establishing Just Compensation Offers. 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 (via telephone)
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 pending litigation and establishing Just Compensation Offers. 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 (via telephone)
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Ken Heard moved to establish just compensation for the following two parcels:

071G-25D-056/01.00/PPIN 5770 of Madison County owned by Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$13,000.00

071G-36A-079/00.00/PPIN 6952 of Madison County owned by Fred James Perry, Jr. in the amount of \$67,000.00

and authorized the offer of said amounts. The motion was seconded by Chuck Gautier and a vote was taken 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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. Just Compensation attached hereto as Exhibit "ii".

Next came the discussion of accepting the counteroffer presented for 071G-25D-065/00.00 of Madison County owned by Johnny and Jo Ann Davis. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to reject the Davis' counteroffer and elect to counteroffer with an increase of fifteen percent (15%) of the fair market value. 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 (via telephone)

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the discussion of accepting the counteroffer presented for 071G-25D-106/00.00 of Madison County owned by the John and Rosie Clark Estate. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to reject the Clark estate's counteroffer and elect to counteroffer with an increase of ten percent (10%) of the fair market value. 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.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to adjourn Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith (via telephone) and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

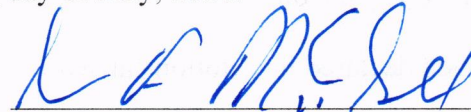
Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard,
Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I.
Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

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.

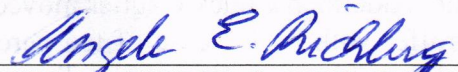
There being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 28th day of May, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

