

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 21, 2015
6:00 PM**

The Mayor called the second regular April 2015 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney James Gabriel, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Kevin Holder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the March 2015 Financial Statement, March 2015 Privilege License Report, and the March 2015 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Jimmy Finnegan for being selected "Officer of the Month" for February 2015. The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that on Monday, February 23, 2015, Officer Finnegan took a report of identity theft, which are all too often taken and not investigated any further by an officer because the credit card company usually tells the victim to file a report and then the victim is released from any responsibility regarding the account. However, Officer Finnegan followed up on the case and discovered that video was available. Initial viewing of the video revealed what appeared to be the victim making the purchases. Officer Finnegan contacted the victim and had her come in to view the video and give him an opportunity to gauge her reaction. The victim was able to identify the person in the video as a friend of her. The victim signed charges against the person who had stolen her identity. Officer Finnegan's diligence did not stop there; he later served the warrant himself and questioned the suspect following a Miranda warning. Officer Finnegan obtained a full confession from the suspect. Mayor McGee stated that this is a perfect example of normal police work; officers today often rely on detectives or other personnel to finish the job. Mayor McGee stated to Officer Finnegan that he set a good example for his fellow officers to follow and that his actions are commendable and indicative of a professional and motivated officer. Mayor McGee congratulated and thanked Officer Finnegan for his hard work and dedication to the City of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Work Session and April 7, 2015 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for a Conditional Use Permit, submitted by the Guru Tegh Bhadur Sikh Temple, for the property located at 314 Newpointe Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. The City Attorney, Jerry Mills, presented information regarding the matter and informed the Board of Aldermen of their options. Alderman Scott Jones moved to table the matter to allow Guru Tegh Bhadur Sikh Temple an opportunity to submit the necessary documents necessary for a Conditional Use Permit. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of an Order for the Petition and Application for a Class A Nonconforming Status for Mid-America Apartments, LLC. - Pear Orchard Apartments. Jerry Mills, City Attorney, explained to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that by approving the Order presented to them that they were establishing their Finding of Facts. Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Order Denying Mid-America Apartments, LLC's Petition and Application for Designated Class A Nonconforming Status for Pear Orchard Apartments. Alderman Chuck Gautier seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Order Denying Mid-America Apartments, LLC's Petition and Application for Designated Class A Nonconforming Status for Pear Orchard Apartments is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the consideration of an Order for the Petition and Application for a Class A Nonconforming Status for Mid-America Apartments, LLC. - Lakeshore Landing Apartments. Jerry Mills, City Attorney, explained to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that by approving the Order presented to them that they were establishing their Finding of Facts. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the Order Denying Mid-America Apartments, LLC's Petition and Application for Designated Class A Nonconforming Status for Lakeshore Landing Apartments. Alderman Chuck Gautier seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Order Denying Mid-America Apartments, LLC's Petition and Application for Designated Class A Nonconforming Status for Lakeshore Landing Apartments is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Set Public Hearing before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Consideration of Class A Nonconforming Status for Arbors at the Natchez Trace - May 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM, City Hall Board Room - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"*
- b) Approve Preliminary Plat and Covenants for Bridgewater 11C - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"*
- c) Approve Architectural/Site Plan for 210 Draperton Grove - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- d) 329 Midway Avenue Cost Resolution - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- e) Mayor & Board of Aldermen and Selected Staff to Attend Mississippi Municipal League Annual Summer Conference June 22, 2015 - June 24, 2015 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*

- f) Mayor to Attend NLC Board of Directors Meeting June 10-12, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah and Mayor and any Alderman to NLC Congress of Cities Conference November 4-7, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- g) Tyler Technologies License & Service Agreement for Court Services – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- h) Award Bid for Ridgeland Life Magazine to Service Printers – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- i) Agreement with City of Canton for Balloon Glow 2015 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*
- j) Authorization to Renew U. S. Lawn's Landscape Maintenance Contract for I-55 and the Round-A-Bout for Additional Two Years – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- k) Approve Solid Waste Assistance Grant from Department of Environmental Quality – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- l) Approve Budget Amendment Street Department (Street Overlay) – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- m) Consider Bids for Old Canton Road/Pine Knoll Intersection Improvements and Budget Amendment Decreasing Account 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) and Increasing Account 001-201-750 (Capital Streets) \$45,000 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- n) Surplus Property (Police) – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- o) Special Event – Kevaworks – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- p) Special Event – Center for Violence Prevention – Tapas at the Township – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- q) Special Event – Pepsi Pops with Permit Application Fee and Bond Waived – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- r) Special Event – Morrison Heights Church – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- s) Special Event – March of Dimes – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*

The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

There next came for consideration the matter of payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 122332 through 122629 and the April 17, 2015 Payroll be approved and paid. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wes Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor then informed the Board of Aldermen of the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of real property, and a personnel matter. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of real property, and a personnel matter. Alderman Kevin Holder seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of real property, and a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D. I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Ken Heard moved to conduct an internal and external search to fill the position of Police Chief, with advertising and interviewing to be concluded by May 19, 2015, and an internal interview to be conducted on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Brian Ramsey and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. Alderman Scott Jones seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye

Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

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.

Next came the consideration of the acquisition of property for the Colony Park Boulevard Project. Alderman Kevin Holder made a Motion to authorize the purchase of Parcel Number 115-0-00-W for the total sum of \$1,169,151.49 and to authorize payment no later than Friday, April 24, 2015. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the consideration of accepting the resignation of Chief Randy Tyler. Alderman Chuck Gautier made a Motion to accept the resignation of Chief Randy Tyler effective June 30, 2015. Alderman Brian Ramsey seconded the Motion and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the second regular April 2015 meeting recessed until Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 22nd day of April, 2015.

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

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