

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

June 16, 2026

6:00 PM

The Mayor called the June 16, 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 John Scanlon and City Clerk Angela Richburg. The meeting opened with an invocation by Alderman Wesley Hamlin followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Next came the recognition of Firefighter Mike Kaminski for being selected "Firefighter of the Month for May 2026". Mayor McGee stated that he has shown exceptional dedication, initiative, and commitment to the Ridgeland Fire Department by going above and beyond completing numerous projects at Station 1 which included painting interior areas, repairing appliances, and overseeing the budgeting, purchasing and maintenance of dive rescue equipment. Mayor McGee thanked Firefighter Kaminski for his dedication to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue the good work. The recognition letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the June 1, 2026, Work Session and the June 2, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the discussion of the McDonald's Mural at 349 Highway 51. The matter was referred from the Architectural Review Board as a recommendation to approve the mural through December 31, 2026, after hearing the matter on Appeal at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 2026. The Mayor and Board found that the mural was not in keeping with the architectural expectations of the surrounding area and that the mural is designed to serve primarily as an advertisement or commercial display and includes a sign that cannot be permitted, which is a violation of the Architectural Review Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to deny the Architectural Review Board's recommendation to allow the mural to remain through December 31, 2026. 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. Architectural Review Board minutes and the appeal application are attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

Next came the cleaning of private property hearing for 715 Green Forest Road. The City Clerk adjudicated that the proper notice was made; a copy of the Notice of Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" of the resolution. Tally Berry, Code Enforcement Officer, made a presentation regarding the condition of the property and provided photographs, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "B" of the resolution, and recommended that the property be declared in the state of uncleanness 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 715 Green Forest Road and received no response. Alderman Ken Heard moved to declare the property to be in a state of uncleanness 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

Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

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

Mrs. Karen Walters of the Mississippi Department of Health spoke regarding fluoridation of water and the State of Mississippi regulation for municipalities with a population over 2,000. Joining her was Dr. Brad Bryan of the Mississippi Department of Health, who also spoke about water fluoridation. Documents present to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Next came the discussion to Consider Initiating Step 2 of the Process to Notify Customers of the Intent to Discontinue the CWF Program and Authorize the Public Works Director to Prepare the Proper Notice, Submit to Mississippi Department of Health for Approval, and Send to Water Customers Announcing a 30-day Comment Period and a Scheduled Public Hearing. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith.

Alderman Ken Heard offered the substitute motion that the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi proceed with all deliberate speed to re-fluoridate the City's municipal water supply. This

includes acquisition of all needed equipment, chemical elements, and training of appropriate City of Ridgeland employees in the proper use of all fluoridation components. As part of this motion, the Mayor's Office and Public Works Director should also explore possible funding assistance that might be available from outside sources. Also as part of this motion, the Public Works Director should update the Board of Aldermen each month at a regularly scheduled official Board Meeting as to the progress of re-fluoridating Ridgeland, Mississippi's municipal water system. This motion died for lack of a second.

The original motion remained before the board, 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 consideration of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Christ Covenant Athletic Fields - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- b) Approve 604 Goodridge Road Cost Resolution - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- c) Approve Top Golf Electrical Easement - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- d) Declare Tri County Tree Service as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Removal of Trees at 1889 Lincolnshire Boulevard and Authorize the Public Works Department to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$6,275.00 - *Order and Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- e) Approve Contract with RTA: The Fleet Success Company in the amount of \$5,600.00 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- f) Approve the Garver CE&I Invoice No. 3 in the Amount of \$3,138.01 for the I-55 and Old Agency Rd LED Lighting Project – STP-0213-00(038)LPA/109704-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- g) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 5 in the Amount of \$253,084.25 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*

- h) Approve the Powell Construction Services, Inc. Invoice No. 2 in the Amount of \$244,582.96 for the I-55 and Old Agency Rd LED Lighting Project – STP-0213-00(038)LPA/109704-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- i) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 46796 in the Amount of \$17,280.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- j) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46798 in the Amount of \$2,280.00 for the Purple Creek Basin Drainage Improvements Project - MCWI 600-2-SW-5.6 MOSTF BB.007-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- k) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46799 in the Amount of \$50,750.00 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- l) Approve Waggoner Professional Services Agreement Amendment No. 1 - Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- m) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 46800 in the Amount of \$9,360.00 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation Project - LPDM-PJ-04-MS-2024-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- n) Declare AF&G, LLC as the Lowest and Best Bidder for the Temporary Striping of Rice Road and Authorize the Public Works Department to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$12,597.16 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- o) Request to Ratify Change of Cost Increase of \$13,018 for Engine 5 totaling the Purchase Order to \$879,716.00. - Fire Department - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- p) Surplus Kohler Generators at Stations 1, 2, & 3 - FIRE DEPARTMENT - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- q) Request and Approval for Budget Amendment to decrease 001-160-635 (Equipment Repair Maintenance) and increase account 001-160-730 (Capital Machinery Equipment) to the amount of \$53,037.15 and seek Board Approval of the purchase of Scott Airpack's and RIT Bag for Engine 5 - Fire Department - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- r) Special Event - Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Independence Day Celebration (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- s) Deputy Court Clerk Appointment (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- t) Surplus Duty Weapons for Retiring Officers (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- u) Surplus Vehicles for Insurance (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- v) Surplus Vehicles to Sell (Police Department) - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*

- w) Resurfacing of Tennis Courts 13-17 Ridgeland Tennis Center - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*
- x) Designate Malone's Custom Painting Lowest and Best bidder for Painting and Repairs to 14 dugouts at Wolcott Park - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "bb"*
- y) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "cc"*
- z) Acceptance of the Privilege License Report for May 1, 2026 - May 31, 2026 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "dd"*
- aa) Approval to Amend the Mississippi Department of Employment Services Account Status - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "ee"*

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.

Next came the payment of claims 207017-207374, May 2026 Month End, and June 12, 2026, Payroll (\$3,187,547.42). Alderman Chuck Gautier 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, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the May Financial Statement and the June Fund Balance Report.

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

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 18th day of June, 2026

Gene F. McGee

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Angela E. Richburg
ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

