

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

August 4, 2026

6:00 PM

The Mayor called the August 4, 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, City 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 Detective Mitch Tate for being selected "Officer of the Month for July 2026." Mayor McGee stated Det. Tate identified a suspect and suspect's vehicle while investigating a series of auto burglaries which had resulted in stolen property of multiple victims, which led to the suspect's arrest after a BOLO was issued. Mayor McGee thanked Det. Tate 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 July 20, 2026, Work Session, the July 21, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting and the July 27, 2026, Special Called meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Next came the public hearing for the consideration of discontinuing Ridgeland's Voluntary Community Water Fluoridation Program. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. and the City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was on all utility customer bills, emailed or mailed to all utility customers, and on the City's website. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit "B." The Mayor asked the audience if there was anyone present that would like to speak that did not sign the list and there was no response; a copy of the list is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". The following citizens spoke in favor of continuing fluoridation of Ridgeland's Community Water: Ms. Becky Barry, Dr. Tiffany Green, Dr. Elizabeth Carr, Dr. Sreenivas Koka, and Nancy Batson. The following citizens spoke against fluoridation of Ridgeland's Community Water: Ms. Linda Davis, Mr. Jamie Hanry, Ms. Lindsey Beckham, and Mr. Chad Mitchell. The Mayor requested all comments provided by email and any

documentation provided by citizens during the Public Hearing be included in the minutes as Exhibit "D". He then closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Next came the consideration of discontinuing Ridgeland's Voluntary Community Water Fluoridation Program. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to approve. 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 D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Bill Lee,
Alderman Brian Ramsey
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion failed.

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

- a) Approve the Closeout Package for the MCWI South Highland Colony Parkway Water Storage Tank and Water Supply Well - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"*
- b) Approve Cost Resolution for 715 Green Forest Road - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"*
- c) Approve a Budget Amendment to Increase 400-650-700 (Land) and Decrease 400-000-192 (Fund Balance) Both in the Amount of \$45,525.00 for the Final Judgment of the Ross Eminent Domain Settlement - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"*
- d) Authorize the Mayor to Sign the \$69,000 Contract Extension with Allen Engineering and Science for the City of Ridgeland Phase II Stormwater Implementation Program (October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2029) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"*
- e) Approve the Benchmark Engineering & Surveying, LLC CE&I Pay Request No. 1 in the Amount of \$73,079.88 for the Lake Harbour Drive Overlay and Repair Project – STP-6944-00(001)LPA 109703-701 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"*
- f) Approve the Hemphill Construction Co. Pay Application No. 6 in the Amount of \$127,769.80 for the Wheatley Street Road Reconstruction Project - Madison County ARPA Sub-Award and Madison County Reimbursement Grant - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"*
- g) Approve Waggoner Invoice No. 47081 in the Amount of \$15,360.00 for the Highland Colony Parkway Tank and Well Project - MCWI 64-1-DW-5.15 / EPA STAG 03D24224 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"*

- h) Approve the Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 47082 in the Amount of \$72,752.00 for the Highland Commerce Drive Project - STP-0213-00(039) LPA / 109705-701000 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"*
- i) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 47083 in the Amount of \$11,400.00 for the West Jackson Street Corridor Demonstration Project - SS4A 69JJ32540798 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "M"*
- j) Approve Waggoner Engineering Invoice No. 47084 in the Amount of \$29,982.50 for the Purple Creek Flood Restoration and Mitigation Project - LPDM-PJ-04-MS-2024-004 - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "N"*
- k) Approve 1-year Contract Renewals with US Lawns for County Line Road Maintenance and West Jackson Street Parking Lots Maintenance - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "O"*
- l) Site Plan and Architectural Review for Lego Storefront - Renaissance - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "P"*
- m) Authorize the Public Works Department to Use Wilkerson's Diesel & Tire Parts & Service, Inc. to Repair the Public Works 2009 International Dump Truck and Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of \$24,590.86 (Broken Down in Shop) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Q"*
- n) Designate RCX Sports/ Football Sole Source - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "R"*
- o) Review and Approve CSpire Service Order to install 2 new 911 lines at the Ridgeland Police Department (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "S"*
- p) Review and Approve Non-Compensated Investigator Contract with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics (MBN) (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "T"*
- q) Review and Approve Quotes to Install ADA Doors in the Ridgeland Police Department Lobby (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "U"*
- r) Review and Approve Quotes to Install ADA Doors in the Ridgeland Police Department Communication Division (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "V"*
- s) Review and Approve Quotes to Install a new Emergency Tornado Siren (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "W"*
- t) Special Event — Costco Key Express (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "X"*
- u) Special Event - Ridgeland High School Back to School Food Festival (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Y"*
- v) Special Event - Kerioth Corporation "Summer Friday" (Police Department) - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "Z"*
- w) Approval of the Updated Job Description for the Director of Public Relations - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "aa"*
- x) Sewer Adjustments - *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "bb"*

- y) Approve the Creation of the Special Sales Tax Park Improvements (104) and Freedom Ridge Park Improvements 2 (370) Funds by Increasing 104-000-246 (Special Revenue Sales Tax), 104-341-905 (Transfer Out), and 370-000-380 (Transfer In) each in the amount of \$2,086,000.00 along with Increasing 370-601-601 (Legal fees) in the amount of \$100,000.00, 370-601-700 (Land) in the amount of \$1,961,000.00, and 370-601-760 (Appraisal fees) in the amount of \$25,000.00 - *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "cc"*

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.

Next came the discussion of the Payment of Claims 208151 - 208430 and July 24, 2026, Payroll in the amount of (\$4,913,813.82). Alderman D.I. Smith moved to approve. 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 announced the need to go into closed session to discuss the need of entering into executive session to discuss land acquisition.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman D.I. Smith moved to enter Closed Session to discuss land acquisition for multiple parcels and the setting of just compensation for three parcels. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 Ken Heard moved to enter Executive Session to discuss land acquisition for multiple parcels and the setting of just compensation for three parcels. 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.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to establish just compensation for the following three parcels:

071G-25D-055/03.00/PPIN 5769 of Madison County owned by Debra Lott in the amount of \$5,000.00

071G-25D-060/00.00/PPIN 5775 of Madison County owned by Geneva & Lavern Rainey in the amount of \$156,000.00

071G-36A-043/00.00/PPIN 6913 of Madison County owned by Moses Kendricks, Sr. in the amount of \$9,000.00

and authorized the offer of said amounts. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wesley Hamlin 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
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. Just Compensation Offers are attached hereto as Exhibit "dd"

Next came the discussion of setting a counteroffer for the George S. Smith properties Parcel 071G-25D-064/00.00 (PPIN 5779) and 071G-25D-068/00.00 (PPIN 5783) with a \$3,100.00 increase. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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
Nay(s): None
Abstention(s): None

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the discussion of the condemnation of the Marzella Carter property Parcel 071G-25D-101/00.00 (PPIN 5816) of Madison County located at 417 Lenard Avenue, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to authorize the condemnation. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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. Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "ee"

Next came the discussion of the condemnation of the Henritta P. Williams property Parcel 071G-25D-099/00.00 (PPIN 5814) of Madison County located at 411 Lenard Avenue, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to authorize the condemnation. 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. Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "ff"

Next came the discussion of the condemnation of the Kenneth Earl Carter property Parcel 071G-25D-104/00.00 (PPIN 5819) of Madison County located at 419 Lenard Avenue, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman D.I. Smith moved to authorize the condemnation. 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. Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "gg"

Next came the discussion of the condemnation of the Rosie L. Clark Estate property Parcel 071G-25D-106/00.00 (PPIN 5821) of Madison County located at 421 Lenard Avenue, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to authorize the condemnation. 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. Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit "hh"

Next came the discussion of a lease for Parcel 071G-36-068/00.00 (PPIN 6938) of Madison County located to Leroy Shelton. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to authorize the Mayor to enter a lease for the property. 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

Alderman Bill Lee moved to adjourn the 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, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman D.I. Smith

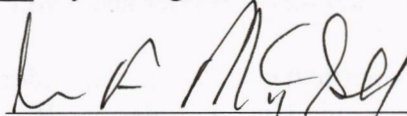
Nay(s): None

Abstention(s): None

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

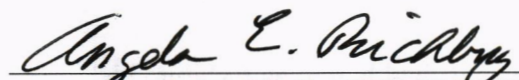
Ther being no further business before the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 6th day of August, 2026.



GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANGELA RICHBURG, CITY CLERK

