

**CONTINUATION OF RECESSED MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 5, 2015
7:30 PM**

The Mayor opened the first regular May 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 Chuck Gautier, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wes Hamlin, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney James Gabriel, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Scott Jones followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney statement for services rendered through April 24, 2015.

Next came the recognition of Officer James Myers for being selected “Officer of the Month” for March 2015. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that Officer Myers made a traffic stop for speeding on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Initially, Officer Myers took the offender into custody for an outstanding warrant. Upon inventory of the vehicle, Officer Myers located some currency in the console that appeared to be counterfeit. The offender didn’t want the money and Officer Myers felt that this was an indicative of the offender’s knowledge that the currency was, in fact, counterfeit. Further inventory of the vehicle revealed a large amount of counterfeit merchandise to include purses, wallets, shoes, etc. Through Officer Myers’ training and years of experience, he knew that possession of such merchandise was a crime. Officer James Myers’ actions prevented consumers from being taken advantage of by purchasing counterfeit, worthless items. His attention to detail and determination to do what is right led to this arrest and seizure. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that this is a perfect example of normal police work because officers today often rely on detectives or other personnel to finish the job. Officer James Myers sets a good example for his fellow officers to follow. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Myers for being a professional and motivated officer for the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to continue his hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting, the Minutes of the April 23, 2015 recessed Board of Aldermen meeting, and the April 20, 2015 Work Session Minutes. The Minutes were accepted and approved with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Resolution Designating May 10-16, 2015 Madison County Law Enforcement Appreciation Week – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “A”*
- b) Consider Building Code Variance Request – Harbor Pines Storage Facility – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “B”*
- c) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for 140 Southlake Avenue (Township at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- d) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for 160 Southlake Avenue (Township at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- e) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for 220 Southlake Avenue (Township at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- f) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for 221 Southlake Avenue (Township at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- g) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for 231 Midtowne Avenue (Township at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- h) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for Panera Bread (Renaissance at Colony Park) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- i) Special Event – 100 Miles of Mayhem – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- j) Special Event – Soulshine Blues Festival – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- k) Surplus Property – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 122630 through 122881, the April 20, 2015 Supplemental Payroll, and March 1, 2015 Payroll be approved and paid. 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.

Mayor McGee 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 and economic development. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and economic development. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and economic development. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Chuck Gautier 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 Wes Hamlin moved to leave Executive Session. 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.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen during the Executive Session.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to set a Public Hearing to consider amending Section 21 and 410 of the Official Zoning Ordinance for June 2, 2015 at 6:00 o'clock 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 Scott Jones moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance and legal description for future annexation consideration. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Ken Heard 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 first regular May 2015 meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of May, 2015.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK