

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 19, 2015
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the second 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 Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman Wes Hamlin, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney James Gabriel, and City Clerk Paula Tierce. Absent was Alderman Chuck Gautier. 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 April 15, 2015 Financial Statement and the May 2015 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Jason Haven being selected “Officer of the Month” for April 2015. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on April 21, 2015 Officer Jason Haven and Officer Gerald West were dispatched to a suspicious person walking around the parking lot of Sunchase Apartments and looking in cars. There had been several reported auto burglaries in the area the day before. Upon arrival to Sunchase Apartments, Officer Jason Haven and Officer Gerald West parked their patrol cards west of the apartment complex and approached the area on foot. Officer West and Officer Haven located a subject walking around near different vehicles and recognized the subject, who was a suspect in numerous auto burglaries in the area. Officer Haven and Officer West stayed hidden and watched the suspect for a short time. As the suspect got closer to the Officers’ location, they approached him and arrested him without incident for two auto burglary warrants that the Ridgeland Police Department had for him. Further investigation later that date revealed that the suspect had committed yet another auto burglary at Pear Orchard Apartments prior to his arrest. Upon the complainant reporting the burglary later that date, officers were able to immediately locate the complainant’s belongings in the suspect’s vehicle, which was still parked at his residence at Sunchase Apartments after he was arrested. Due to Officer Haven’s and Officer West’s attention to detail, and their tactical and careful approach of Sunchase Apartments, they were able to apprehend a known auto burglar without incident as the burglar was looking for additional cars to break into. Due to Officer Haven’s and Officer West’s actions additional auto burglaries were prevented. Additionally, officers were able to immediately return stolen property to a different complainant whose car was discovered to have been broken into later that date. Mayor McGee commended Officer Jason Haven for being selected “Officer of the Month” for April 2015 and thanked him for his hard work and dedication to the residents of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 5, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting and the May 4, 2015 Work Session Minutes. The Minutes were accepted and approved with no corrections noted.

**PUBLIC HEARING/CLASS A NONCONFORMING STATUS FOR
B&M MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC (ARBORS AT THE NATCHEZ TRACE)**

There next came for consideration the matter of conducting a public hearing regarding the consideration of Class A Nonconforming Status for B&M Management Company, LLC (Arbors at the Natchez Trace). The City Clerk adjudicated that proper and timely notice was advertised as required by state law. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit “1”.

Dewey Hembree, attorney for B&M Management Company, LLC introduced individuals who were present on behalf of the Petitioner. Mr. Hembree made his presentation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen supporting the Petition for Class A Nonconforming Status for B&M Management Company, LLC (Arbors at the Natchez Trace) and entered into the record the following exhibits:

EXHIBIT 2 – Oversized Map Excerpt of City of Ridgeland Neighborhood Map

- EXHIBIT 3 – Oversized Map of 7 Acre Parcel
- EXHIBIT 4 – Oversized Photograph of 7 Acre Parcel
- EXHIBIT 5 – Oversized Map of Excerpt of City of Ridgeland Zoning Map
- EXHIBIT 6 – Oversized Aerial Map
- EXHIBIT 7 – Presentation Handout
- EXHIBIT 8 – Petition for Class A Nonconforming Status
- EXHIBIT 9 – Transcript of Public Hearing

After the presentation by Mr. Hembree, Mayor Gene McGee then recessed the public hearing, for rebuttal purposes only, to June 16, 2015. Mayor McGee informed Mr. Hembree that he would be allowed a brief opportunity to speak after the rebuttal by the City of Ridgeland.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier Joined Meeting at 6:12 pm)

Next came for consideration the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ridgeland and Madison County for the Lake Harbour Drive Extension project. After discussion, Alderman Ken Heard moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ridgeland and Madison County for the Lake Harbour Drive Extension project. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Interlocal Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Next came for consideration the Memorandum of Understanding and the Resolution to Declare Necessity for the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds for 2015 Ridgeland Corridor Fund. After discussion, Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and the Resolution to Declare Necessity for the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds for 2015 Ridgeland Corridor Fund. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Memorandum of Understanding is attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and the Resolution to Declare Necessity for the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds for 2015 Ridgeland Corridor Fund is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Next came the matter of the items set out on the Consent Agenda. After discussion regarding item “j”, Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a) Approve Site Plan/Architectural Review for Trustcare on Lake Harbour Drive – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- b) Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-354 (Insurance Proceeds) and 001-100-740 (Capital Vehicles) \$14,310.00 – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- c) Approve Cingular Wireless Second Amendment to Site License Agreement for Northpark Water Tank – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- d) Approve Cingular Wireless Third Amendment to Site License Agreement for Old Canton Road Tank – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- e) Approve Lake Harbour Extension Preliminary Engineering Pay Request #30 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- f) Approve Craft Center Resolution for Lease of Parking Lot Property – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- g) Approve Entergy Easement Purchase on North Wheatley Street – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- h) Approve Mississippi Craft Center Parking Improvements Project “B” and “C” and Resolution Authorizing CE&I Contract Approval and Project Official Construction Engineering and Inspection Professional Services Contract – *Resolution Attached Hereto as Exhibit “K”*
- i) Receive April 2015 Privilege License Report – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- j) Budget Amendment Increasing Account 001-000-192 (General Fund Balance) and Account 001-000-333 (Court Fines & Fees) \$331,456.00 and Authorizing Advertisement of Amended Budget – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- k) Approve Resolution Designating Mayor Gene McGee, Alderman Kevin Holder and Alderman Wes Hamlin 2015 Voting Delegates for Mississippi Municipal League Summer Convention – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 122882 through 123281, the May 2, 2015 Supplemental Payroll, and May 15, 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.

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, acquisition of property and a personnel matter. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of property, and a personnel matter. 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 declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of property and a personnel matter. 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to establish just compensation for parcels numbered 020A-0-00-W, 020A-0-00-X, 020B-0-00-W, 020C-0-00-W, and 022-0-00-W for the Lake Harbour Drive Extension Project. Alderman Wes Hamlin 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. The Establishment of Just Compensation for each parcel is attached hereto as Exhibit “O”.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to appoint John Neal to the position of Police Chief effective July 1, 2015 at Pay Grade M16 Step 23. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to leave Executive Session. 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 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the second regular May 2015 meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK