

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
June 2, 2015
6:00 PM

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the City Attorney statement for services rendered through May 22, 2015.

Next came the recognition of Officer Gerald West 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 Gerald West 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 recognition of Colonel John M. McCollum for receiving the Legion of Merit medal from the United States of America. Paula Tierce, City Clerk, called the Orders to attention and read the following from the certificate awarded, “For exceptionally meritorious service in positions of increasing responsibility, culminating a 31-year career as the Executive Officer of the 4010 United States Army Hospital. Colonel McCollum served with distinction in positions at various locations throughout the world. His noteworthy services have been at all levels of command and in a myriad of positions. His outstanding leadership, technical competence and distinctive accomplishments contributed immeasurably to the Army. Upon retirement, Colonel McCollum is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that represents exemplary service in finest tradition of the United States Army.” Mayor McGee then presented the Legion of Merit medal to Colonel McCollum and thanked him for his service and sacrifice to the United States of America and to the City of Ridgeland. Colonel McCollum then thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their strong support to the Mississippi National Guard and also thanked his wife, Cathy McCollum, for her sacrifice and support of his service to the United States of America. Colonel McCollum then introduced his family present in the audience and thanked all who attended the presentation.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 19, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting and the May 18, 2015 Work Session Minutes. The Minutes were accepted and approved with no corrections noted.

PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21 AND 410 OF THE
OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

Next came the public hearing for the proposed amended Section 21 and 410 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Mayor McGee opened the public hearing and 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 “A”.

Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, advised the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the following changes were being proposed:

*Replace the Section 21 “Service Station” definition with the following language: **Service Station:** Any area of land, including the structure thereon, which is used primarily for the retail sale of gasoline, diesel fuel, ethanol, oil, propane, other fuels, and/or the sale or installation of automobile accessories and may also include incidental services such as facilities for lubricating, washing (either automatic or by hand), and cleaning, or otherwise servicing automobiles and light trucks. This term does not include the painting or major repair of vehicles.*

*Add to Section 21 definitions the following definition: **Large Master Planned Commercial Development:** Any large commercial development consisting of a group of one (1) or more contiguous separately owned or ground leased tracts or parcels that contain, among the group of tracts or parcels, at least one building for occupancy for retail/wholesale purposes exceeding 100,000 square feet of heated and cooled space for the indoor display and sale of goods, a site with a minimum of 15 contiguous acres, access to an Arterial Street, and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen which may or may not include conditions. Large Master Planned Commercial Developments may include any of the uses permitted in the underlying Zoning District as well as Service Stations; Banks, branch banks, drive-thru ATM’s, and other banking facilities; Food product and carry-out and delivery stores, laundry and dry cleaning pickup stations; Fast Food Restaurant with drive-thru; Fast Casual Restaurant with drive-thru; Pharmacy with a drive-thru; and outdoor display of goods in designated areas approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen in one (1) or more locations not exceeding an aggregate of 15,000 square feet.*

Section 2: Add Section 410.02.M. Large Master Planned Commercial Development

Section 3: The City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect the foregoing changes from and after thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption by the Board.

Mayor McGee then asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak to the Board of Aldermen regarding the Ordinance Amending Section 21 and 410 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi and there was no response.

Mayor McGee then closed the public hearing.

Next came the consideration of the Ordinance Amending Section 21 and 410 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to adopt the Ordinance Amending Section 21 and 410 of the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

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

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

- a) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance (001-000-192) \$52,018.00, Increase Sales Tax to County Line Road TIF (001-000-268) \$52,018.00, Increase County Line Road TIF Bond Fund Sales Tax Collections (217-000-202) \$52,018.00, and Increase County Line Road TIF Bond Fund Balance (217-000-192) \$52,018.00 – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- b) Fire Department Budget Amendment – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- c) Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- d) Accept \$2,000.00 Donation from US Lawns and Approve Budget Amendment Increasing Accounts 001-000-348 (Restricted Donations) and 001-100-730 (Police Capital Purchases – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- e) Surplus Property – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- f) Approve Wastewater Metering Station Project Change Order #1 and Budget Transfer of \$79,629.00 from 404-650-603 (EMCRS Systems Maintenance) to 404-650-760 (EMCRS Capital Utility Systems) – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- g) Appoint Brenda Pree Municipal Court Clerk at Pay Grade M6-25 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- h) Harbor Freights Special Event Permit – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 123282 through 123498 and May 29, 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 that a Budget Committee was being formed, which would consist of Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Scott Jones, and Alderman Wes Hamlin, to review and make recommendations to the full Board of Aldermen regarding the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

Mayor McGee then informed the Board of Aldermen that there were two additional items that needed to be addressed that were not listed on the prepared agenda, which were property acquisition for the Lake Harbour Drive Extension Project.

Alderman Ken Heard moved to authorize the payment of \$54,040.00 for parcel number 015-0-00-W&X and the payment of \$225.00 for parcel number 017-0-00-W for the Lake Harbour Drive Extension Project. 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 Wes Hamlin departed the meeting at 6:16 pm)

Alderman Scott Jones moved to authorize the Acquisition Agent, Danny Willowby, to exceed the set Just Compensation amount up to 10% for parcels 020BB-0-00-W, 020C-0-00-W, 020A-0-00-W, and 020A-0-00-X 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	Absent

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 June 2015 meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK