

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 3, 2015, 2015
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the first regular November 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 (via telephone), Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Wes Hamlin, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon and City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Andrew Purvis, Troop 18 First Presbyterian Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided a copy of the City Attorney Statement of Services through October 27, 2015.

Next came the recognition of Officer Hunter Bridges for being selected “Officer of the Month” for September 2015. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Thursday, September 3, 2015 Officer Hunter Bridges met with representatives from Wal-Mart in reference to an ongoing counterfeit currency scam. Wal-Mart Asset Protection personnel identified one suspect as an employee who was allegedly accepting large amounts of counterfeit money from two unknown males. Wal-Mart personnel subsequently signed affidavits for arrest warrants against this employee. In an effort to effect an arrest promptly, Officer Bridges prepared arrest warrants and contacted the Ridgeland Municipal Judge for his review and issuance. The warrants were quickly signed and activated. As the employee returned to work the following day as scheduled, she immediately performed another transaction with counterfeit currency. Wal-Mart personnel contacted Officer Bridges directly who immediately responded to Wal-Mart and served the aforementioned arrest warrants. Upon issuance of the employee’s Miranda warning, she identified her boyfriend as her accomplice and warrants were issued for the suspect’s boyfriend. Officer Hunter Bridges displayed initiative expediting an arrest in this case as well as dedication in pursuing additional suspects. Officer Bridges could have chosen an easier, less involved path, but took it upon himself to go the extra step by personally executing the arrest and questioning the suspect. Officer Bridges performed at a level of excellence that the Ridgeland Police Department continues to strongly encourage. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Hunter Bridges for his service to the City of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 19, 2015 Work Session and October 20, 2015 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for a dimensional variance submitted by Brushy Bayou Land Company, LLC for the property located at 309 Newpointe Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Wesley Hamlin moved to adopt an Ordinance approving and granting the requested dimensional variance for the property located at 309 Newpointe Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. 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. A copy of the Ordinance approving and granting the dimensional variance is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Next came the consideration of the Petition and Application for a dimensional variance submitted by Newpointe Properties, LLC for the property located at 301 Newpointe Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to adopt an Ordinance approving and granting the requested dimensional variance for the property located at 301 Newpointe Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. 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 then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance approving and granting the dimensional variance is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

Next came the consideration to continue the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Carlsen Properties, LLC for the property located at 229 Highway 51, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi to the next regular meeting, being November 17, 2015. Alderman Scott Jones moved to continue the Petition and Application for Conditional Use Permit submitted by Carlsen Properties, LLC to November17, 2015. Alderman Kevin Holder 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.

Next came the consideration of the Preliminary Plat and Covenants for Old Maple Subdivision on the condition that the covenants cannot be amended without the approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen until such time that the homeowners take over the Association. As requested, Old Maple, LLC presented procedures to follow during construction to prevent inconveniences to the neighboring homeowners, which are attached hereto as Exhibit “C”. Alderman Ken Heard recommended that any homeowner who builds one residence on two lots should be required to pay double homeowner association dues, which was agreeable to Old Maple, LLC. Following discussion, Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Preliminary Plat and Covenants for Old Maple Subdivision on the condition that the covenants cannot be amended without the approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen until such time that the homeowners take over the Association and that any homeowner who builds one residence on two lots be required to pay double homeowner association dues. 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 then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Preliminary Plat and Covenants are attached hereto as Exhibits “D” and “E”.

Next came the consideration of the Site Plan for MSEVEN Holdings Jackson Street. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to approve the Site Plan for MSEVEN Holdings Jackson Street. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Wes Hamlin and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

(Alderman Chuck Gautier was disconnected and two attempts to reconnect was made with no success.)

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Aye
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Absent
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wesley Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of the Site Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit “F”.

Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that a requests by Alderman Chuck Gautier and Alderman Brian Ramsey were made to add appointments to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee and the Community Awareness Committee. There was no objection to adding the appointments to the Consent Agenda.

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

- a) Roll Over \$3,533.00 from FY2015 to FY2016 Account 001-100-732 – Court Services – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- b) Special Event Permit Application – Ridgeland Christmas Parade – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- c) Lease Agreement between City of Ridgeland and Harley-Davidson of Central MS – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- d) Declare Property Surplus and Authorize Sale or Removal of Property from Inventory – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- e) Authorization to Bid Street Sweeping Services – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- f) Lake Harbour Extension Agreement for At Grade Crossing with Illinois Central Railroad Company – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- g) Samuels Lane Well Contractor Pay Request #3 and DWSIRLF & EPA Reimbursements – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- h) Re-Appointment of David Conn to Ridgeland Tourism Board – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*
- i) Job Description for Wastewater Flow Monitoring Technician – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “O”*
- j) Appointment of Rachel Collier to Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee by Alderman Chuck Gautier – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “P”*
- k) Appointment of Polly Hammett to the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee by Alderman Brian Ramsey – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “Q”*
- l) Appointment of Sheila Jackson to the Community Awareness Committee by Alderman Brian Ramsey – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “R”*

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	Absent
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes 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 126576 through 126900 and October 30, 2015 Payroll be approved and paid. 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	Absent
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye
Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:17 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK