

**MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
DECEMBER 15, 2015, 2015
6:00 PM**

The Mayor opened the second regular December 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 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 Don Ross Ward of Troop 15, who was present working on his Star badge, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the November 2015 Financial Statement and the December 2015 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Jokabi Jenkins for being selected “Officer of the Month” for October, 2015. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Thursday, October 29, 2015 Officer Jokabi Jenkins was contacted by a complainant whose vehicle had been burglarized in Jackson days before. The complainant’s iPad Air was stolen during the commission of that crime and explained to Officer Jenkins that he had located what he believed to be his property on Craigslist for sale. Officer Jenkins, with the assistance of the complainant, contacted the seller and set up a meeting in Ridgeland to purchase the iPad. Once the seller arrived at the predetermined location, the complainant was able to identify the iPad as his property and Officer Jenkins quickly moved in executing an arrest on the suspect for receiving stolen property. Officer Jenkins displayed a superior level of “customer service” and set an outstanding example as an officer of the Ridgeland Police Department. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Jokabi Jenkins for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland. Officer Jenkins then thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the opportunity to work for the Ridgeland Police Department and acknowledged the assistance of Officer Jimmy Finnegan in making the arrest.

Next came the recognition of Officer Jimmy Finnegan for being selected “Officer of the Month” for November, 2015. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on Friday, November 20, 2015 Officer Jimmy Finnegan conducted a vehicle traffic stop for an expired license tag. Officer Finnegan found that two of the three occupants were wanted by the Ridgeland Police Department for auto burglary and shooting into an occupied dwelling and were subsequently arrested. Officer Finnegan was able to obtain identification from the auto burglary victim that the shoes one of the individuals was wearing at the time of his arrest were, in fact, the shoes stolen from his vehicle. Officer Finnegan also directed a fellow officer to the hotel where the individuals stated they had been before they were stopped. This action resulted in another arrest for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute along with a seizure of narcotics and the weapon used in the aforementioned shooting into an occupied dwelling. Officer Jimmy Finnegan’s actions on this day removed criminals from the streets of this community. It is every Ridgeland Police Officer’s job to protect the citizens of Ridgeland and Officer Finnegan takes that responsibility seriously. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Jimmy Finnegan for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland. Officer Jimmy Finnegan then thanked the Mayor and Board of Alderman for the opportunity to work for the Ridgeland Police Department and acknowledged the assistance of Officer Jokabi Jenkins in making the arrest.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the November 30, 2015 Work Session and December 1, 2015 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

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

- a) Approve Privilege License Numbers 2016-00001 thru 2016-99999 for Calendar Year 2016 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “A”*

- b) Receive Privilege License Report for November 2015 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “B”*
- c) Approve 2015 Community Video Program – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- d) Approve Appointment of Louanna Varnado to Ridgeland Municipal Court – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- e) Approve Appointment of Officers as Deputy Court Clerks – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- f) Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Madison County Sheriff’s Office, Madison Police Department, and Ridgeland Police Department – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- g) Approve Memorandum of Understanding Between US Marshal Services and the Ridgeland Police Department – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- h) Approve Bid Award for Street Sweeping Services – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- i) Approve Jackson Street Multi-Use Trail Supplemental Addendum #4 for Waggoner Engineering Surveying and Mapping Professional Services – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 127513 through 127809 and December 11, 2015 Payroll be approved and paid. 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.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:07 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK