

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
March 15, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the second regular March 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Mayor Gene F. McGee, Alderman D. I. Smith, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Wes Hamlin, Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Brian Ramsey, Alderman Scott Jones, City Attorney Jerry Mills, City Attorney John Scanlon, and Carla Moor sitting in for City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Alderman Brian Ramsey, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were provided the February 2016 Financial Statement and the March 2016 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the recognition of Officer Jason Haven for being selected “Officer of the Month” for February 2016. Mayor McGee stated that on February 24, 2016 Officer Jason Haven responded to Logan’s Roadhouse restaurant in reference to a subject choking. Officer Haven quickly arrived and observed an elderly man on his back unresponsive and showing no signs of respirations. Officer Haven immediately checked the victim’s airway and began CPR chest compressions until medical personnel arrived. The victim, identified as a 91 year old male and long-time Ridgeland resident, is alive today and due to the quick response and determination displayed of Officer Haven. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Haven for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland and encouraged him to keep up the hard work.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the February 29, 2016 Work Session and the March 1, 2016 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier departed the meeting and recused himself.)

Next came the consideration of a Special Event Permit Application submitted by Magnolia Racing (Fleet Feet) for a 5K race on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm as part of the Renaissance Mall and Sante South Wine Festival. Alderman Keven Holder moved to approve the Special Event Permit Application submitted by Magnolia Racing (Fleet Feet) for a 5K run as part of the Renaissance Mall and Sante South Wine Festival. 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	Absent
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 Special Event Permit is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

(Alderman Chuck Gautier re-joined the meeting.)

Alderman Ken Heard requested that Item “b” on the Consent Agenda be removed and considered as an Agenda Item separately.

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

- a) Approve Site Plan and Architectural Review for Stanton Optical (former site of Mazzios on County Line Road) – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “B”*
- b) Approve Site Plan and Architectural Review for Four Seasons Car Wash (formerly Green Valley Car Wash) – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- c) Approve Site Plan and Architectural Review and Parking Adjustment for Embassy Suites Patio Expansion – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- d) Approve Final Plat and Covenants for Backwater Farms subject to the condition that the Covenants cannot be amended without Mayor and Board of Alderman approval until such time as the Association assumes the enforcement authority over the Covenants – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- e) Approve Architectural Review for front façade remodel for 920 County Line Road – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- f) Approve Water and Sewer Reimbursement for JoAnne R. Welch – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- g) Appointments of Deputy Court Clerks – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- h) Approve Special Events Permit for Son Valley – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- i) Approve Motorola Services Agreement – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- j) Approve Authorization for Direct Deposit from the FBI Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- k) Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Ridgeland and Madison County for Walcott Park – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- l) Re-Appoint John McCommon to the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Commissioner-At-Large for Three Year Term – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- m) February 2016 Privilege License Report – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*
- n) Approve \$1,000.00 Donation to Ridgeland High School VEX Robotics Team to Attend National & World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky april 20-23, 2016 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “O”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 1129281 through 129640 and March 4, 2016 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried. A copy of a letter from Paula Tierce, City Clerk, is attached hereto as Exhibit “P” stating that claims numbered 129452 and 129550 are being paid from the funds generated by the Colony Park TIF and that no other funds are being used to supplement the payments.

The Mayor 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 an economic development issue. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and an economic development issue. 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 declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Scott Jones moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and an economic development issue. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. 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 declared the motion carried.

The Mayor re-opened the meeting and stated that no action was taken by the Board of Aldermen in Executive Session.

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the site plan and design guidelines for the Henderman site, which is located north of Steed Road between I-55 Frontage Road and Highland Colony Parkway, and to authorize subdivision by metes and bounds. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Jones and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Alderman D. I. Smith	Aye
Alderman Ken Heard	Nay
Alderman Chuck Gautier	Aye
Alderman Kevin Holder	Aye

Alderman Brian Ramsey	Aye
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor declared the motion carried. A copy of the unsigned Easements with Covenants and Restrictions Affecting Land (“RCR”) is attached hereto as Exhibit “Q”.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the _____ day of March, 2016.

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK