

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
April 19, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the second regular April 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, and 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 March 2016 Financial Statement and the April 2016 Sales Tax Report.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Work Session and the April 5, 2016 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came the presentation of House Concurrent Resolution No. 97 commending and congratulating Keep Ridgeland Beautiful for winning the William Nash Award. Present representing the Keep Ridgeland Beautiful Committee were Mike McCollum, Leann Stacey, and Clair Jackson.

Next came the recognition of Officer Patrick Craig for being selected Officer of the Month for April 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on March 31, 2016 Officer Craig observed the same vehicle on numerous occasions while patrolling the area near quality Inn located at 839 Ridgewood Road. Due to these suspicious actions, Officer Craig conducted a traffic stop to investigate and discovered an 18 year old male who admitted to being in the area to solicit a prostitute. Upon completion of a field interview, Officer Craig obtained enough information to approach the motel room in question. Contact was made with two females at this motel room and were found to be victims of human trafficking. It was discovered that the victims were being forced into prostitution and had been repeatedly beaten by two males said to be in a neighboring room. Upon additional investigation, Officer Craig revealed that one of the females was a juvenile and had been missing since January 2016 from Jackson, Mississippi. Officer Craig removed the victims from the hotel for their safety and enlisted the assistance of other officers to apprehend the suspects who were later determined to be holding these women against their will. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Patrick Craig for his persistence and dedication which led to the safe return of a missing juvenile and adult female as well as present the continuation of a horrendous crime. Mayor McGee also informed the Board of Aldermen that the suspects were subsequently arrested on charges of Anti Human Trafficking, Kidnapping, and Aggravated Assault. Mayor McGee again thanked Officer Craig for his hard work and dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland.

Chief John Neal informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that Ridgeland obtained the first conviction of Human Trafficking in the State of Mississippi.

Next came the introduction of two new patrol officers. Chief John Neal introduced to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Patrol Officer Joseph Martin and Patrol Officer Thomas W. Anderson, Jr.

Next came the recognition of Patrol Officers of the Ridgeland Police Department who were recently promoted to the position of Corporal. Chief John Neal introduced Corporal E. J. Wilkerson, Corporal Russell Dukette, and Corporal Jokabi Jenkins. Chief John Neal informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the promotional process for the position of Corporal.

Next came the consideration of a Resolution approving the architectural improvements, excluding site improvements, to 117 North Wheatley and a variance to Table 602 of the 2015 ICC International

Building Code for 117 North Wheatley and 115 North Wheatley contingent on a hold harmless agreement to the benefit of the City of Ridgeland being filed by both parties as a covenant that shall run with the existing buildings and expire with the demolition of either building and shall be binding on successors and assigns. Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to approve the Resolution. 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 Resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Item “b” under Agenda Items was removed.

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

- a) Approve Interlocal Agreement with Madison County School Board for Colony Park Boulevard Project – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “B”*
- b) Resolution for Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016-2021 – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “C”*
- c) Agreement with Bear Creek for Solid Waste/Recycling Billing – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “D”*
- d) Lake Harbour Drive Extension Right-of-Way Building Improvements Asbestos Abatement, Demolition, and Disposal Final Payment Request and Contract Closeout – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “E”*
- e) Contract with Caldwell Banker for Fannie Mae Property on Leonard Avenue and Approval to Pay \$1,000.00 Earnest Money – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “F”*
- f) Surplus Property List for Public Works Department – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- g) Donation from Gertrude C. Ford Foundation and Budget Amendment – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*
- h) Donation from Shadowood/Wendover Home Owners Association and Budget Amendment – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- i) Donation from Michael Green and Budget Amendment – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- j) Motorola Services Agreement for Portable Radios – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- k) Memorandum of Understanding Between Ridgeland Police Department and Department of Veterans Affairs – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- l) Appointments of Deputy Court Clerks – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- m) Special Event Permit Request from Lowery Carnival – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*
- n) Special Event Permit Request for MS Academy of Family Physicians – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “O”*
- o) Special Event Permit Request for Pepsi Pops – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “P”*
- p) Special Event Permit Request for Ride of Silence – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “Q”*
- q) Special Event Permit Request for Soulshine Blues & Groove Festival – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “R”*
- r) Special Event Permit Request for Titan Trot – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “S”*
- s) Permission to Advertise for FY2016 Audit Services – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “T”*
- t) Approve Mayor & Board of Aldermen Attending MML Conference in June 2016 and National League of Cities 2016 Congress of Cities & Exposition in November 2016 – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “U”*
- u) Receive March 2016 Privilege License Report – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “V”*
- v) Approve Reclassification of Support Services Manager Position – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “W”*
- w) Approve Creation of Support Services Assistant Position – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “X”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 130007 through 130241, 130243-130314 and April 15, 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.

Next came for consideration the payment of claim numbered 130242. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbered 130242 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	Nay
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 with a notation that Alderman Ken Heard voted nay due to the claim contained charges related to Costco.

The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen of the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential economic development. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential economic development. 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 Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Chuck Gautier moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and potential economic development. Alderman Brian Ramsey 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Alderman Chuck Gautier departed the meeting at 6:47 pm)

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to authorize the City Attorney to begin the litigation process against Summit Supply for the outside water coolers purchased in 2011 and 2012. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the Motion 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.

Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to leave Executive Session. Alderman D. I. Smith seconded the motion 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.

Mayor McGee reopened the meeting and announced the action taken by the Board of Aldermen during Executive Session.

There being no further business before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK