

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
May 17, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the second regular May 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 City Clerk Paula Tierce. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Parker Kyle followed by the pledge of allegiance led by Boy Scout Grayson Edwards.

Mayor McGee announced that Boy Scout Troop 178 from Oakdale Baptist Church was present working on their Citizenship in the Community Badge. Present were: Aiden Connelly, Blake Champney, Nathan Harlan, Conner Hawkins, Grayson Edards, Sawyer McGehee, Will Dear, Harrison Brady, Parker Kyle, Callum Palmer, Cameron Palmer, and Paxton Herndon. Mayor McGee also introduced Scoutmaster Dan Edwards and Scout Leaders John Wakeland, Danny Hawkins, and Patrick Kyle and thanked them for their service to the Boy Scouts.

Next came the recognition of Officer Matthew Witt for being selected Officer of the Month for April 2016. Mayor McGee informed the Board of Aldermen that on April 19, 2016 Officer Matthew Witt took a report of a missing juvenile who was last seen on the doorstep of her residence. During the following week, the juvenile female would call her father from various locations asking him to come get her. The father would immediately rush to these locations to find his daughter nowhere in sight. The juvenile’s father was able to gain access to his daughter’s social media web pages, which he provided to Officer Witt. Upon further investigation, Officer Witt discovered that the juvenile was working as a prostitute in Jackson, MS at a hotel near the fairgrounds. Officer Witt devised a plan, made contact with officers from Jackson Police Department and worked on his day off to bring the juvenile back to her father. Due to Officer Matthew Witt’s dedication and commitment to duty, a missing juvenile was located and returned home safely to her father. Mayor McGee thanked Officer Matthew Witt for a job well done, his dedication to the citizens of Ridgeland, and encouraged him to continue his hard work. Officer Matthew Witt provided a letter of thanks for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

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

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the May 2, 2016 Work Session and the May 3, 2016 Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections noted.

Next came consideration of a Petition and Application to Rezone Real Property submitted by Bennett Enterprises/2, LLC on behalf of Smokin South BBQ for their property located at 681 South Pear Orchard, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve the rezoning of the real property located at 681 South Pear Orchard Road, Ridgeland, Mississippi. 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. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

Next came the consideration of a Petition and Application for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Bennett Enterprises/2, LLC on behalf of Smokin South BBQ for the property located at 681 South Pear Orchard, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to grant the Conditional Use Permit with the provision that the conditional use will run with the business and not with the property and that a site plan be submitted to the Architectural Review Committee for review and approval. 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. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Next came the consideration of a Petition and Application for Conditional Use submitted by Keith Brown for the property located at 816 North Agency Lane, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Ken Heard moved to grant the Conditional Use, contingent upon general conformity to the original site plan as attached hereto as Exhibit “D”, for the property located at 816 North Agency Lane, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. 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. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “E”.

Next came the consideration of a Petition and Application for Conditional Use submitted by True Vine Christian Ministries for the property located at 270 Highpoint Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, Mississippi. Alderman Kevin Holder moved to grant the Conditional Use for the property located at 270 Highpoint Drive, Ridgeland, Madison County, 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 declared the motion carried. A copy of the Ordinance is attached hereto as Exhibit “F”.

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

- a) Approve Architectural Improvements for Results Physiotherapy at Renaissance – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “G”*
- b) Approve Architectural Improvements for Soft Surroundings at Renaissance – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “H”*

- c) Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for MML 2016 Election of President & 2nd Vice President – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “I”*
- d) Resolution Declaring Property Surplus – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “J”*
- e) Resolution Approving Budget Transfers – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “K”*
- f) Amended Contract with Southern Financial Services for Collection of Bad Debts – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “L”*
- g) Special Event Permit – Race the Renaissance – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “M”*
- h) Special Event Permit – Heatwave Triathlon – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “N”*
- i) Budget Amendment – MCOPS Grant – *Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit “O”*
- j) Approve Colony Park Boulevard Utility Agreement with Entergy – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “P”*
- k) Approve Sole Source Letter for CC Lynch & Associates – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “Q”*
- l) Approve Samuels Lane Well Pay Request #5 DWSIFLF & EPA Reimbursements – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “R”*
- m) Approve Lake Harbour Drive Extension AT&T Utility Reimbursement Agreement – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “S”*
- n) Receive April 2016 Privilege License Report – *Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit “T”*

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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Next came for consideration the payment of claims. Alderman Scott Jones moved that claim numbers 130571 through 130976, with claim number 130595 being removed, and May 13, 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.

The Mayor then announced the need to go into Closed Session to discuss the need to going into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. Alderman Brian Ramsey moved to go into Closed Session to discuss the need of going into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Kevin Holder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation. 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.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that the Board of Aldermen was going into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Alderman Brian Ramsey departed the meeting at 7:58 pm)

Alderman Scott Jones 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	Absent
Alderman Scott Jones	Aye
Alderman Wes Hamlin	Aye

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

The Mayor reopened the meeting and announced that no action was 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 8:00 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK