

MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE
CITY OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI
November 1, 2016
6:00 PM

The Mayor opened the November 1, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order. Present were Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman D.I. Smith. Absent was Alderman Brian Ramsey. The meeting was opened with an invocation by Boy Scout Raines Walker followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by Boy Scout Jake Head.

Mayor McGee recognized Raines Walker, Jake Head and Jude Reeves from Boy Scout Troop 8, First Baptist Church Jackson, who were attending working on the Citizenship Badge.

Next came the recognition Officer Justin Crawford being for selected Officer of the Month for August 2016. Mayor McGee announced that on Saturday, August 13, 2016, Officer Justin Crawford was patrolling hotels within his assigned beat when he observed two white females exiting a black Nissan Altima carrying a set of golf clubs and enter on of the hotels. Later that date, Officer Crawford received information in reference to a commercial burglary that had occurred where a set of golf clubs were taken along with other various items. Suspects and suspect vehicle were described as two white females in a Nissan Altima. Officer Crawford immediately advised of his observations earlier in the day and, with assistance of other officers, proceeded back to the hotel to investigate further. The two white females were subsequently located along with two male suspects in a hotel room which was full of merchandise to include items described stolen from the commercial burglary. The stolen merchandise was recovered and all four suspects were taken into custody and charged accordingly. Mayor McGee congratulated Officer Justin Crawford and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Ridgeland.

Next came the recognition of Officer Brennan Alexander for being selected Officer of the Month for September 2016. Mayor McGee announced that on Sunday, September 25, 2016, Officer Alexander responded to a residential burglary where the owner reported that someone had broken into his home and taken an ASUS laptop computer with no power cord, a safe, and several firearms. Officer Alexander obtained the identity of a possible suspect and his place of employment. Officer Alexander immediately contacted the suspect's place of employment and informed management of the situation. The following date, Officer Alexander received information that the alleged suspect came into work looking for a power cord for an ASUS laptop computer which matched the description of the one stolen in the residential burglary. Officer Alexander took it upon himself and obtained video footage from a nearby business which revealed the suspect's vehicle in the area during the time frame in which the burglary had occurred. With this information, a search warrant was prepared and executed on the suspect's residence which resulted in the recovery of the stolen items. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and arrested. It was later learned that the suspect was on probation for previous burglaries in surrounding jurisdictions as well as a suspect in a residential burglary that had occurred in Flora, Mississippi. Mayor McGee congratulated Officer Brennan Alexander and thanked him for his service to the citizens of Ridgeland.

Next came the matter of accepting the Minutes of the October 17, 2016 Work Session, the October 18, 2016 Mayor & Board of Aldermen meeting, and the October 25, 2016 Special Called Mayor & Board of Aldermen meeting. The Minutes were accepted with no corrections.

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

- a) Approve Final Plat and Covenants for Bridgewater Part 8A subject to the condition that the Covenants cannot be amended without Mayor and Board of Aldermen approval until such time the Home Owners Association assumes the enforcement authority over the Covenants - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "A"**
- b) Approve CSpire Telecommunications Service Agreement - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "B"**
- c) Approve Budget Transfer of \$12,200.00 from 001-000-336 (Court Service Fees) to 001-100-687 (Jail Fees) - **Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "C"**
- d) Declare Forfeited Firearm Surplus Property - **Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "D"**
- e) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Ridgeland Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation (Jackson Safe Streets Task Force) - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "E"**
- f) Approve Special Event Permit for UMC Mind Center - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "F"**
- g) Approve Special Event Permit for Southern AgCredit (1/2 Marathon) - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "G"**
- h) Award Pest Control Service Agreement to Reed Exterminating for FY2017 - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "H"**
- i) Permission to Advertise for City Depository - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "I"**
- j) Budget Amendment Decreasing General Fund Balance \$69,147.00 and Increasing 001-201-720 (Capital Improvements Other) \$69,147.00 for Traffic Signal at Highland Colony Parkway and Old Agency Parkway - **Resolution Attached Hereto As Exhibit "J"**
- k) Rejection of Bid for Highland Colony Parkway Rehabilitation (County Line Rd. to Business Park Drive) and Authorization to Readvertise - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "K"**
- l) Authorize Old Town Realty & Appraisal Services, Inc. to Prepare Appraisal Report of Current City Hall (304 Highway 51) - **Order Attached Hereto As Exhibit "L"**

The motion was seconded by Alderman D.I. Smith and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Claims #134308 thru 134529 excluding Costco related charges In Claim #134476. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Ken Heard, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s):
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

The Mayor then declared the Motion carried.

Next came the payment of Costco Related Charges (\$2,820.00) in Claim #134476. Alderman Scott Jones moved to approve. The Motion was seconded by Alderman Kevin Holder and a vote was taken thereon as follows:

Vote: Aye(s): Alderman Chuck Gautier, Alderman Wesley Hamlin, Alderman Kevin Holder, Alderman Scott Jones, Alderman D.I. Smith
Nay(s): Alderman Ken Heard
Absent: Alderman Brian Ramsey

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 6:14 pm.

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

GENE F. MCGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PAULA TIERCE, CITY CLERK