

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE

April 19, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. The meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. at Booneville City Hall.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Clyde Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields and Alderman Jeff Williams were present. Also present was City Attorney Daniel Tucker, City Clerk Sharon Williams, several City employees, and members of the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jon Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Tolar.

There first came on for consideration, the request to add the following items to the agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. POST FOR FIRE CHIEF.
2. POST FOR STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR.
3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PAY.
4. APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PHASE 1 WITH ALT.
5. PENNA/KING PROPERTY
6. CALDWELL ROAD AND PENNY LANE CULVERTS
7. CHANGE DISCUSS TO APPROVE MARIJUANA
8. EMERGENCY HIRE PART-TIME CODE/PART-TIME PATROL.
9. PROPERTY CLEAN-UP.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve adding the items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022, AND APRIL 5, 2022; WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022; 90-DAY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OF APRIL 5, 2022.
2. APPROVE TO PAY AMANDA BLAND \$50.00, MELISSA HARRIS \$50.00, AND KITTY SHELTON \$50.00 FOR PROCESSING POLL BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE.
3. APPROVE GAS & WATER TO PAY WASTE CONNECTION BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,175.36.
4. APPROVE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL RUTHERFORD AS FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 2022.
5. APPROVE FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT OF LORI TUCKER FOR THE ECONOMIC TRAINING IN GREENVILLE ON APRIL 21-22, 2022 AT \$238.63 FOR TRAVEL, HOTEL UP TO \$130.00 PER NIGHT, AND A TOTAL OF ONE MEAL AT \$15.33.
6. APPROVE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JAMES OLIVE AS CITY OF BOONEVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT MANAGER EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2022.
7. APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ROPE RESCUE TRAINING FOR COREY ARNOLD, DERRICK HINDO, AND JESSE ARNOLD IN CORINTH APRIL 18, 2022, FREE OF CHARGE.

With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Helen Davis discussing her son's house being condemned. Alderman Williams made a motion to discuss the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, with no action taken.

Next, Veneshia Gillespie requested that the Board waive the fees for the Hardware Building for May 27-28, 2022, for the Grace Scholars Foundation to host a fundraiser and with the street being closed off in front of the Hardware Building on the 28th. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Terry Tolar requesting that the Board waive the rental fee for the North End Pavilion at Kids' Town for VFW to host a Kid's Identification Service on May 7, 2022. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve medical marijuana dispensaries and grow houses. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve opting in, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale. With that, a discussion was had. Then the following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Nay
 Alderman Lauderdale—Nay
 Alderman Miller—Nay
 Alderman Shields—Nay
 Alderman Williams—Aye

With a vote of 4 against and 1 for, the City of Booneville did not approve opting in. Alderman Lauderdale then made a motion for the city to opt out for the 90-day period and reconsider it prior to that time running. The motion was seconded by Alderman Shields, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Aye
 Alderman Lauderdale—Aye
 Alderman Miller—Aye
 Alderman Shields—Aye
 Alderman Williams—Nay

With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the Freeport Tax Exemption for Scranton Manufacturing Company. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve to pay Judge Jimmy McGee for services rendered for the city in the amount of \$1,073.82. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department with a request to approve to hire the following as additional umpires at a rate of \$35.00 per game.

Todd Sorrell
 Carson Sorrell

Connor Ivy
 Albanie Windham

Allie Windham
 Wesley D. Windham

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with a request to approve to hire the following as additional seasonal workers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour.

Bryson Saylor
Kaidon Grove
Jonathan Grove

Daniel Grove
Maleia McCoy

Alice Kitchens
Jaston Anderson

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with a request to approve the purchase of an Exmark 60' lawnmower at a cost of \$9,954.00 to be paid out of Capital Outlay. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with a request to approve a resolution to purchase tables and chairs for the Community Center up to \$5,000.00 out of the Park Tourism account. The Park Tourism Board had approved this resolution. With that, Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, James Olive with the Street Department with a request to hire Mike Tennison as an Operator at the same rate of pay that he had when he left the department previously. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey with a request to approve an Auto Zone credit application. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, a request was made to place rumble strips on North Third Street at Swift Park. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, there came on for consideration, a request to leave the Greg Keenum/apartment situation as it is. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and a discussion was had. After said discussion, the following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Nay
 Alderman Lauderdale—Nay
 Alderman Miller—Nay
 Alderman Shields—Nay
 Alderman Williams—Aye

With a vote of 1 for and 4 against, the motion failed.

There next came on for consideration, a request by Alderman Shields to table the matter and for Attorney Daniel Tucker to talk with the Auditor's Office on the Keenum Apartment subject. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Aye
 Alderman Lauderdale—Aye
 Alderman Miller—Aye
 Alderman Shields—Aye
 Alderman Williams—Nay

With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a motion to approve the lowest and best bid for City mowing services. Two (2) bids were received. One was from Andrew Moreland with Yard Master in the amount of \$1,090.00 per mowing. The second bid was from U Grow It, We Mow It in the amount of \$1,300.00 per mowing. With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the lowest and best bid of Yard Master, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve to post for the Fire Chief position. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve to post for the Street Department Supervisor position. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to discuss Department Head pay. Said motion was made by Alderman Hicks, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried. After a discussion, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the Department Heads receiving \$47,000.00 per year. The motion received no second therefore it died.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to approve the proposal for Architect South for the Police Department Phase I with Alternates. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

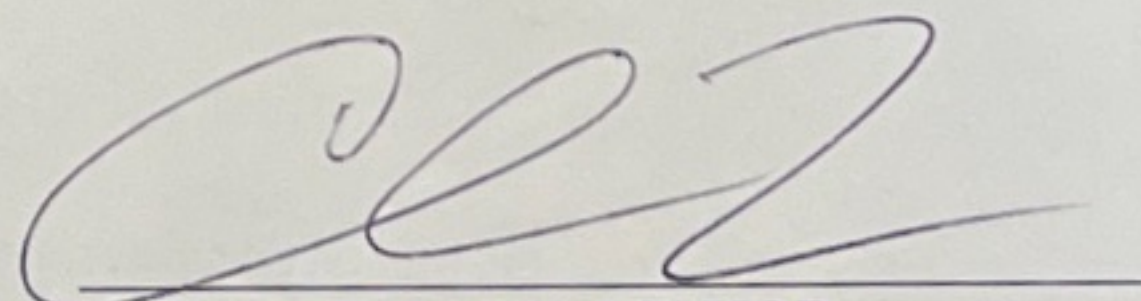
There next came on for consideration, a request to discuss the Penna/King property. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried. No action was taken.

There next came on for consideration, a request to replace culverts on Caldwell Road and Penny Lane. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

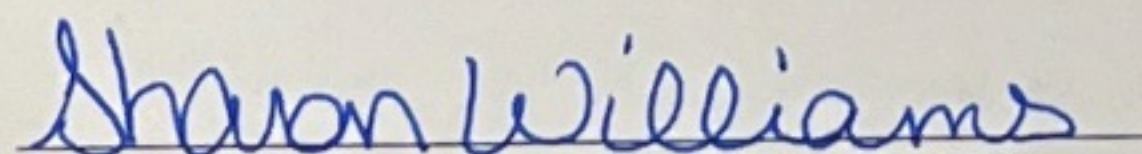
There next came on for consideration, a request by Chief Ramey to hire Chris Davis as a Code Enforcement/Patrol Officer at a rate of \$14.50 per hour effective immediately and upon his passing a drug screen. This is a part-time hire. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve City Attorney Daniel Tucker and Charles Sanders working on the property clean-up which would include preparing and mailing out notices, posting notices, and setting the same for public hearing. This motion would also include improving the cost of all attorney fees and actual clean-up cost which would all be charged back to the property owner. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK