

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

April 5, 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 5, 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 Alderman Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Williams.

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

1. JOHN KING/ZACH PENNA.
2. PROPERTY CLEAN-UP.

With that, Alderman Hicks made a motion to approve adding the items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to move Gary Walker's item from the Board Report and for him to go behind Kevin Cook. Alderman Lauderdale also requested to remove the other items under the Board Report under her name as they would be taken care of with the Property Clean-up, The Motion seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2022 AND SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022.

2. APPROVE A TAX REIMBURSEMENT TO GIUSY HASTINGS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$290.38.
3. APPROVE A TAX REIMBURSEMENT TO BARBARA GRIZZARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80.34.
4. APPROVE A TAX REIMBURSEMENT TO CHRIS WREN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81.75.
5. APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS AND AMBER DAVIS TO ATTEND CLERKS & COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASSES IN RIDGELAND, MS APRIL 27-29, 2022. SHARON: (SHARON & AMBER) LODGING \$587.50, MILEAGE \$243.36, MEALS \$102.00, AND REGISTRATION \$195.00. AMBER: MEALS \$102.00 AND REGISTRATION \$195.00. TOTAL FOR SHARON AND AMBER BEING \$1,424.86.
6. APPROVE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF KEITH FUGITT EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2022.
7. APPROVE TO ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF TONY CUMMINGS EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2022.
8. APPROVE TO ACCEPT RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL KILGORE EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2022.
9. APPROVE TO PAY DANIEL TUCKER \$5,470.80 FOR ANNEXATION PROJECT.
10. APPROVE TO PAY DAVID MOORE \$1,100.00 FOR ANNEXATION PROJECT.

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.

Next, Steve Fernandez with Swift discussed the grant application with the Board.

Next, Chiquita Hubbard-Campfield was on the Agenda to discuss Gas & Water but she was not present so no action was taken.

Next, Doris A. Dye with MATES discussed the Suicide Prevention Program that she was working on and was requesting the Board in the future waive usage fees for City facilities that

they would hold their activities in. This was for discussion purposes, and she was told to call when she had dates so the Board could consider those actions.

Next, Billie Morris, Irene Keller, and Kim Starks appeared before the Board to discuss the activity on Bishop Street. They were dissatisfied with the Police patrols and the drug activity taking place on that street. They stated that their children and grandchildren could not safely play on that street.

Next, Dwight Chaffin requested that a 4-way stop be placed at the intersection of Independent Street and North Street. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was requested that the Board approve Lylah Grey's Ray of Hope 5K Run on September 17, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the City Park. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Gary Walker was present to discuss the Board's consideration for the Mayor's action. No discussion was had.

Next, John King and Zach Penna were present to discuss water access to a business and two (2) homes across Highway 45. No action was taken until such time as a written statement releasing them from their current water association was obtained, and permission from the highway department was obtained to run a road bore.

Next, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requested that the Board pass a resolution to spend \$300,000.00 from the Tourism Fund for the MDOT Phase II Project. A resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested that the Board pass a resolution to spend \$4,000.00 from the Tourism Fund for the Music Series Downtown. This would be the Bluegrass music that was being brought back and run through November. The Tourism Board had previously passed a resolution approving the same. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested that the Board approve a resolution spending \$825.00 from the Tourism Fund for advertising that had been done in the Banner Independent for the previous 2-3 months. Said advertising promoted the City of Booneville, Mississippi. The Tourism Board had approved a resolution approving the same. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested that the Board pass a resolution to spend \$1,000.00 from the Tourism Fund for carriage rides for Open House and Parade Night. The Tourism Board had approved a resolution previously. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker wished to discuss the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance at the next work session. This would be put on the work session for April 18, 2022.

There next came on for consideration, Scranton Manufacturing Company requesting that the Board approve their Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request as submitted. 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, ACCO Brands USA, LLC requesting that the Board approve their Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request as submitted. Alderman Williams 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 transfer \$232,103.05 from the ARPA account to Gas & Water to pay for the AMR meters. 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 for the Board to pre-approve paying the following bills as they were monthly re-occurring bills, and the City was incurring interest costs and late payments and disruption of services by not pre-paying the bills each month. Those bills were as follows:

1. Approve to pre-approve paying PCEPA for General Government and Gas & Water.
2. Approve to pre-approve paying AT&T phone bill for General Government and Gas & Water.
3. Approve to pre-approve paying Southern Telecommunications for General Government and Gas & Water.
4. Approve to pre-approve paying Sunlife for General Government and Gas & Water.

5. Approve to pre-approve paying United Healthcare (dental, vision, health, & life) for General Government and Gas & Water.
6. Approve to pre-approve paying Aflac for General Government and Gas & Water.
7. Approve to pre-approve paying Colonial for General Government and Gas & Water.
8. Approve to pre-approve paying Liberty National for General Government and Gas & Water.
9. Approve to pre-approve paying Life of Alabama for General Government and Gas & Water.
10. Approve to pre-approve paying Manhattan Life for General Government and Gas & Water.
11. Approve to pre-approve paying Morgan White for General Government and Gas & Water.
12. Approve to pre-approve refunds on all Hardware Rentals.
13. Approve to pre-approve refunds on all Community Center Rentals.
14. Approve to pre-approve refunds on all Tax Redemptions.
15. Approve to pre-approve refunds on Park Registration.

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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting that Bo Brown be promoted to Operator at the rate of \$13.10 per hour effective next pay period.

Alderman Williams 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 promote John Ferrell to Operator increasing his pay to \$12.10 per hour effective the next pay period. Alderman Williams 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 hire Cara Whatley and Sherry Ferrell as part-time employees at \$9.20 per hour with the City Park. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to hire Seasonal employees for the Park Department at \$8.00 per hour. Those employees were as follows:

Connor Ivy	Abigail Freeman	Brailey Anderson
Brailey Johnson	Charles Thompson	Kelly Hood
Marissa McCoy	Zadaria Southward	Jonah Krech
Jourdan Mathis	Justin McCoy	Eliza Green
Anna Floyd	Charley Grimes	Kelly Spencer
Za'Kiya Tynes	Zamarius Alexander	KaDonna Leach
Novalea Yarber	Cambriella Williams	Newt George

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request hire Umpires for the Park Department at the rate of \$35.00 per game. Those Umpires were: Kevin Lindley, Connor Whatley, Cara Whatley, and Kennan Moore. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, 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 increase all current Umpires pay to \$35.00 per game. 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, a request to approve re-zoning Greg Chambers' property PPIN# 55365 from A-1 Agricultural to C-2 Community Commercial. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, 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 increase Kenny White's hourly rate at \$1.00 per hour effective March 28, 2022, while he is substituting as Department Head for James Olive. 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, the Gas service petitions received on CR 8021 and 8061. Alderman Shields made a motion for the City Engineer to do cost estimates for the jobs, 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 a Water Crew Leader/Operator with starting pay to be between \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour depending on experience. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested that he be allowed to approve Jake Turner receiving a 50 cent per hour pay increase effective March 28, 2022. He had finished the Police Academy. Alderman Shields 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, a request to hire Keith Fugitt as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour effective April 4, 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 send Aaron Canaday to the Police Academy on April 10, 2022. 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 to hire Ridge Lawson as a full-time Patrolman starting at \$14.70 per hour effective April 10, 2022. 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 to approve to send Ridge Lawson to the Police Academy on April 10, 2022. Alderman Shields 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, a request to give all Police Department employees a \$1.00 per hour raise. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks.

After discussion, the following vote was had:

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

With 1 for and 4 against, the motion died. The other Board members said they were not against giving the raise, however they wanted to make sure there was money there to give the raises. They asked that it be put on the next work session in order to discuss this matter.

There next came on for consideration, a request to allow full-time Police Officers and CID Officers to take their patrol vehicles home. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board report, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion that the Board approve a 90-day Improvement Plan for the Mayor. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and then the following vote was had:

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

With 5 votes for and none against, the motion carried. Approval plan attached to minutes.

Next, under the Board report, Alderman Hicks requested an update on the traffic lights at Booneville Cleaners and East Booneville Baptist Church. Additionally, he received an update on the speed limit signs.

Next, under the Board report, Alderman Williams discussed cleaning the gutters out on Martin Luther King Drive to avoid some flooding.

Next, under the Mayor's report, Mayor Lindley requested a motion to accept property from Booneville School District PPIN# 6601 (where the East Side Walking Track is located). Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the same, 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 have the City property located on Stanley Street PPIN# 3844 appraised. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested a motion for the City to be allowed to sell the property on Stanley Street at the appraised value. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley gave an update on the Wal-Mart Building and stated that V. M. Cleveland was getting his own appraisal.

There next came on for consideration, a request to post for a full-time Information Technology position with starting pay to be within \$50,000.00 to \$70,000.00 per year based on experience. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley gave an update on the current Budget.

Next, Mayor Lindley gave an update on the Police Department Building.

Next, Mayor Lindley gave an update on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Grant.

There next came on for consideration, a request to dedicate funds for the MDOT Phase II Project. Mayor Lindley requested a motion to allocate the funds to complete the MDOT Phase II Project as follows:

Special 3 Mil Paving Fund	\$266,000.00
Modernization Fund	\$235,000.00
General Account	\$510,000.00
Tourism Account	\$300,000.00 (Approved in a prior resolution)
MDOT Funds	\$800,000.00
Total	\$2,111,000.00

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

There next came on for consideration, a request to repair or replace the culverts on 1001 Washington Street which was Betty Robinson's property. Alderman Williams 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 repair or replace the concrete at 1101 Washington Street. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested that the Board hold a work session on April 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Hicks 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 add to the agenda ACCO reimbursement and Officer Thomas Mynatt leave time. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a motion was requested to reimburse ACCO for the overpayment of taxes. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

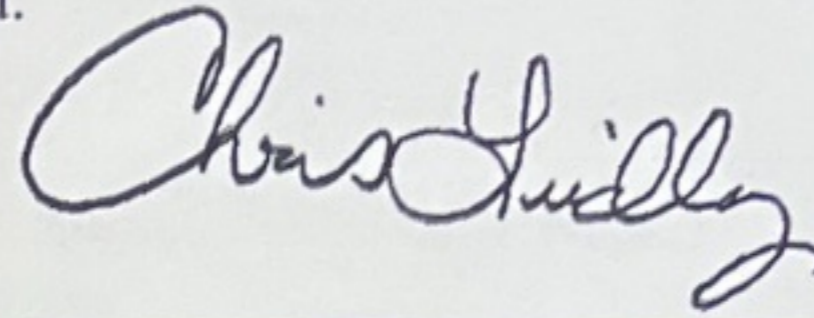
Next, Police Chief Ramey requested that the city employees be allowed to donate time to Officer Thomas Mynatt whose wife had emergency brain surgery which was considered a catastrophic injury/illness. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, to add to the agenda the property located at 400 Miller Circle. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Charles Sanders had requested that the Board approve not turning the power back on at said property until such time as the owner replaced the windows and got the property in a fit

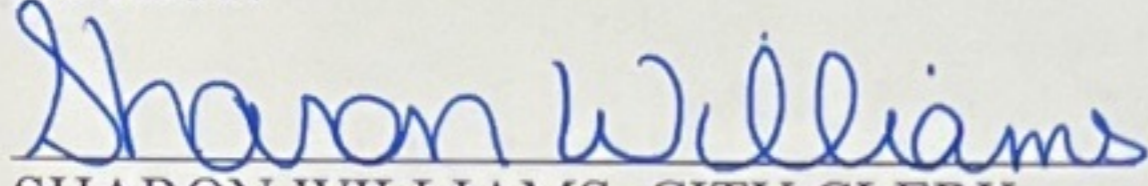
condition to live in. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

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



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK