

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

August 2, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Board Room, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman LaVaile Shields was not present. Also, present were City Attorney Daniel Tucker, several City employees and members of the public. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Chris Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jody Stennett.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul Carpenter.

There first came on for consideration, the request to add the following items to the consent agenda:

- 1) DR. ENGLISH.
- 2) ANISHA GILLESPIE PURCHASE OF AD.
- 3) BRYSON GRIMES AND COLE STREET TO MSTAT TEST IN TUPELO AT A COST OF \$30.00 EACH.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to add the items to the consent 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 items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
2. APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF 07-18-22.
3. RESIGNATION OF JAKE TURNER.

4. APPROVE JERIUS MAXEY TO ATTEND FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY EDUCATOR II, ONLINE COST \$175.00.

Alderman Williams 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, Dr. Todd English requesting that the Board approve the 2022/2023 requested Ad Valorem Tax Request. The net Ad Valorem Tax Request for operations was \$1,910,278.00 with Ad Valorem Tax requested for Debt Services of the following:

- a. General Obligation Bonds--\$274,125.00
- b. 3 mil/10-20 notes--\$118,000.00
- c. Short fall--\$113,145.00
- d. Vo-Tech--\$71,177.00

Alderman Hicks made a motion to approve the Ad Valorem Tax request for the Booneville School District, 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 purchase an ad from Grace YP&E to help with scholarship funding, with said ad promoting the City of Booneville, Mississippi. The ad would cost \$100.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried

Next, Representative Tracy Arnold appeared before the Board to give an update on funding obtained for our area.

Next, Aretha Williams appeared to discuss her issues with her gas bill. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion that Ms. Williams be allowed to pay a minimum of \$30.00 per month in addition to her regular monthly bill, until such time as the arrearage was paid in full. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Joshua Smith with issues with his gas/water bill. Alderman Hicks made a motion that Mr. Smith be allowed to pay the sum of \$30.00 per month minimum, in addition to his regular monthly bill, until such time as all arrearage is paid in full.

Said motion was 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 re-zoning property at 703 West College Street owned by Leah Galloway from R-1 Residential to C-2 Community Commercial with an additional variance to allow a potential event center and a Bed & Breakfast to be placed on the premises. This was for property with PPIN #4428 and #12029. Alderman Lauderdale 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 approve a resolution to hold a Ladies Open House, with \$3,000.00 to be spent from the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had already approved a resolution for the same. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested that the Board approve a resolution for a structural evaluation of the Depot building in the amount of \$3,000.00, to be paid from the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had already passed a resolution approving the same. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Lori Tucker requesting a resolution from the Board to hold a Block Party on August 25, 2022 and would need the amount of \$3,500.00 from the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had already passed a resolution approving the same. With that, Alderman Williams 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, Lori Tucker requesting a resolution from the Board for \$25,000.00 to conduct the Fall Festival, which would be paid from the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had already passed a resolution approving the same. 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 seek Major Medical Insurance quotes for the City employee insurance, with said quotes to be turned in by August 31, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Alderman Hicks 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 the low quote of \$10,975.00 from Breedlove and Son Construction for the replacement of a 24-foot culvert on North Road. 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, a request to approve Benchmark Raises for Paul Carpenter in the amount of \$0.50 every six (6) months during Paul Carpenter's Water Apprenticeship Program. 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 hire Chris Patten with the Water Department for the Water Crew at \$12.00 per hour, effective immediately and upon him passing his drug test. 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, a request to approve hiring Michael Crenshaw for the Treatment Plant at \$12.00 per hour, effective August 16, 2022, and upon him passing his drug test. 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 discuss/approve a Police Substation at Bryant's Crossing. Alderman Hicks made a motion to table this matter, 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 post for a Fire Battalion Chief position at \$15.17 per hour. 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 post for a Fire Captain at \$14.26 per hour. 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 promote Tyler George to Sergeant at \$12.91 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 Michael Holley to Sergeant at \$12.91 per hour, effective next pay period. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Carolyn Miller discussed the vandalism at Swift Park and said something needed to be done.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, the Mayor requested a motion to advertise for bids for Phase I of the Fred's/Police Department remodel. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. The architects informed that this would be bid out and run in the newspaper on August 18, 2022, and on August 25, 2022 with bid openings to be on September 22, 2022.

There next came on for consideration, a request to increase the mayor's discretionary spending from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. 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 amend the hiring policy to new hires, other than Department Heads, may be presented for hire after posting for two (2) weeks and an application is presented to the Aldermen by noon on the Friday preceding the next Board meeting. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

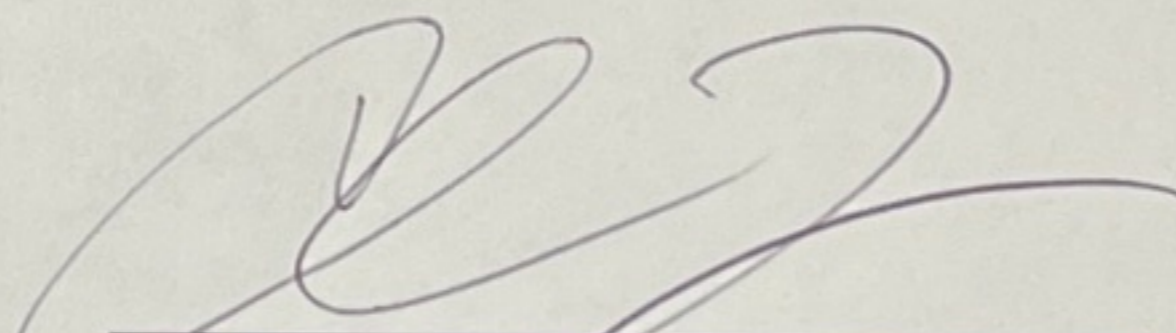
There next came on for consideration, a request to approve to increase the expenditure amount for the individual capitalization of fixed assets from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to send Bryson Grimes and Cole Street to MSTAT Test in Tupelo at a cost of \$30.00 each. 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 add to the agenda, amending the Incentive ordinance for the Business Improvement District/Redevelopment District. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

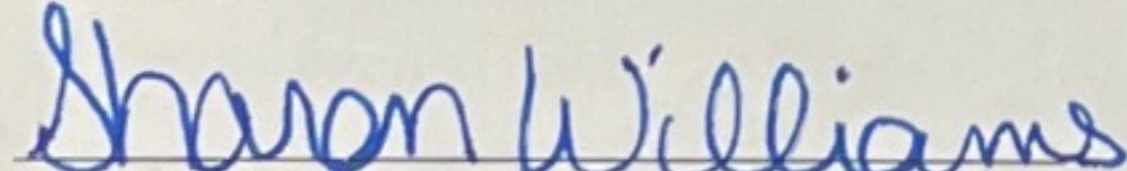
There next came on for consideration, a request to amend the existing ordinance to allow adding the language concerning the Revitalization/Redevelopment District, and incentives made thereto. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to adjourn, 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