

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

December 6, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of December 2022, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 5:30 pm, at the Booneville Hardware Building, 110 West Market Street, 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, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were City Attorney Daniel Tucker, City Clerk Sharon Williams, 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 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 consent agenda:

- 1) ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH COOK COGGIN FOR MCWI GRANT.
- 2) TENT AT THE ICE RINK, FROM TOURISM FUNDS.
- 3) POSTING FOR A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

Alderman Hicks made said motion to approve adding the items to 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, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
- 3) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE MICHAEL CARTER \$27.80 FOR A TRACTOR SUPPLY PURCHASE MADE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER ON NOVEMBER 25, 2022.
- 4) APPROVE TO PAY SPARKS CPA \$4,500.00 FOR 2020 AUDIT OF TOURISM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, HALF FROM TOURISM AND HALF FROM PARK TOURISM.

- 5) APPROVE TO PAY \$12,924.00 TO MS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR ANNUAL WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS FEE RETROACTIVE TO NOVEMBER 2, 2022.
- 6) APPROVE TO REFUND CHAUNDRA HOARD \$120.00 DEPOSIT AND RECONNECT FEE.
- 7) APPROVE TO PAY SECRETARY OF STATE \$25.00 FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF NOTARY FOR SHARON WILLIAMS.
- 8) DISCUSS/APPROVE TO SEND TREY SLATON, SAMMY MCGEE, AND LAURA SMITH TO DISPATCH HAZMAT TRAINING CLASS IN TUPELO ON DECEMBER 9, 2022, AT \$150.00 EACH TOTALING \$450.00 WHICH WILL BE REIMBURSED THROUGH STANDARDS AND TRAINING AFTER THE CLASS IS COMPLETE.

Alderman Hicks made said motion to approve adding 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, Barbra Field with Beckley Chapel Church requesting approval of placing speed bumps/rumble strips on Bell Avenue. 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, Casey Jackson with Share Big requesting approval to waive the rental fee of the Westside Community Center for a non-profit event on December 23, 2022. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval to renew the contractual agreement with BBI to continue providing its software and other services in the amount of \$8,795.00. Alderman Shields made a motion for the Board to find and declare that BBI was a viable and sustainable company which could provide the services in question. Motion was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the annual software agreement with BBI in the amount of \$8,795.00, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams with the request to approve the purchase of a printer/scanner combination for each employee in City Hall from Capital up to \$3,500.00. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval of the resolution for annual partnership dues with MS Hills National Heritage in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 approval of the resolution for local ads in the amount of \$1,500.00. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of the resolution for trailer rental for holiday events at the Depot in the amount of \$2,140.00. This 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 approval of the resolution for MMSA annual dues in the amount of \$2,650.00. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 approval of the resolution for Christmas Parade expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of the resolution to pay Luke Price Studios \$1,000.00. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 approval to post for a full-time Maintenance position at the rate of \$13.00-\$14.00 per hour based

on experience. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Christopher Davis as a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$12.95 per hour, effective December 20, 2022. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Agnew requested approval to hire Micah Posey as a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$12.45 per hour, effective December 28, 2022. 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, Alderman Lauderdale making a motion to approve the annual software agreement with BBI in the amount of \$9,345.00 at Gas & Water for the calendar year 2023. She requested that the Board in the motion find and declare that BBI was a viable and sustainable company which could provide the services in question. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requested approval to update the adoption of the Cross Connection/Backflow Prevention Ordinance. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Shelton Oaks as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested approval to hire Kenneth R. Edmonds, Jr. as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$17.20 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested approval to send Cody Triplett to the Police Academy in Tupelo on January 8, 2023, at the cost of \$4,000.00 which will be reimbursed by the

State after completion of the Academy. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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There next came on for consideration, Mayor Lindley requesting approval to schedule a work session for December 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a Christmas Greetings Ad in the Banner Independent in the amount of \$400.00. The Ad would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of the engineering agreement with Cook Coggin for MCWI Grant. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

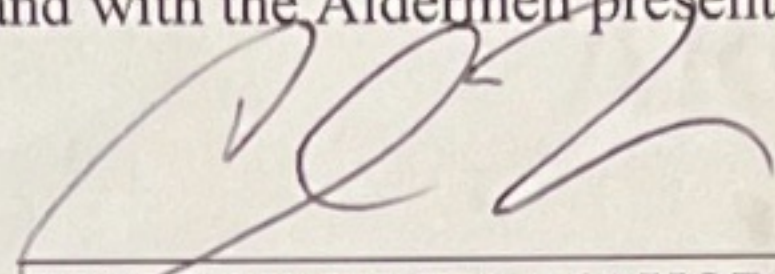
Next, a request was made to approve a resolution for paying up to \$1,000.00 for a tent for the Ice Rink to be paid from the Tourism Funds. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of posting for a Code Enforcement Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

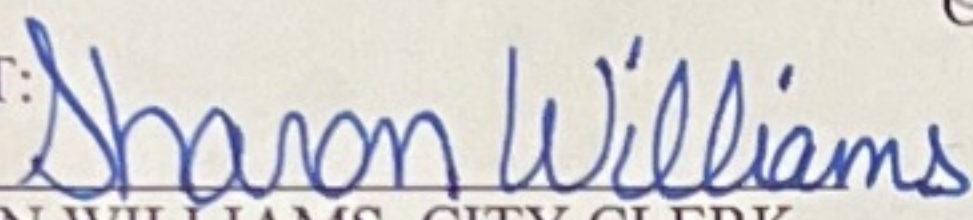
Next under Other Business, the following items were discussed: 1) Information on an with a water customer that dates back to 2011; 2) Information on gas department supplies; 3) Information on the sewer truck

Next Alderman Williams made a motion to recess the meeting to enjoy a meal with the city employees, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK