

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

**February 1, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, February 1, 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 Jerius Maxey.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Fire Chief Michael Rutherford.

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

- 1) MOLLY WIMBISH'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION.
- 2) POST FOR AN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK AT CITY HALL.
- 3) ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.
- 4) BIDS FOR STRIPING OF CITY STREETS.

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to approve the item on the agenda, seconded by Alderman Hicks 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 MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2022, AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2022.
2. APPROVE TO TRANSFER \$2,580.00 FROM GENERAL FUND TO REIMBURSE FIRE PROTECTION FUND.
3. APPROVE JERIUS MAXEY TO ATTEND FIRE INVESTIGATOR CLASS MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>—31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022. COST INCLUDES: CLASSES \$640.00, MEALS \$213.33, AND USE OF COMPANY CAR AND GAS CARD.

4. APPROVE DRIVER OPERATOR CLASS IN-HOUSE COSTING \$1,964.00 AND BOOKS \$749.62.
5. APPROVE TO PAY JORDAN COPELAND \$12.00 FOR RETURNED UNIFORM SHIRT.
6. APPROVE RESIGNATION OF KELSEY GILLENLINE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2, 2022.
7. APPROVE TO REIMBURSE DERRICK HINDO \$50.00 FOR FUEL IN CITY VEHICLE.

With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on 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, a request to allow a variance to the current City policy to allow Aletha Williams more time paying her Gas & Water bill. 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 for a motion for a resolution, to approve the resolution of the Tourism Board approving paying the MMSA Invoice for annual dues in the amount of \$2,650.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion for a resolution, to approve the resolution of the Tourism Board approving paying the Annual Digital Billboard in the amount of \$4,200.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to seek bids for the IT services for General Government. 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 for a motion to post for Deputy Court Clerk's position with starting pay at \$12.00 per hour. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion,

seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to hire Kris Matthews, effective immediately, as Lieutenant in the Fire Department at the current rate of pay those lieutenants receive and not losing any of his seniority time. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to donate a fire truck to a local fire department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller. Fire Chief Rutherford recommended that the fire truck be donated to Bunkom Hill Fire Department. With that, and all alderman voting Aye, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to donate sick time to Darrell Williams in the Street Department as he is suffering from a potential catastrophic illness. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to post for a part-time employee starting at \$9.20 per hour within the Street Department. Alderman Shields 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 for a motion to terminate Nathan Rakestraw, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion for an emergency hire of Nathaniel Jones as a Meter Reader at \$12.00 per hour effective immediately and pending drug screen. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to approve the purchase of a pump for the sewer machine at the cost of \$8,500.00. Alderman Williams 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 for an emergency declaration for a

collapsed sewer line running between Fourth Street to Second Street along Washington Street. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for emergency declaration for a collapsed sewer line on Washington Street down Third Street. Alderman Williams 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 discussion only, Alderman Miller informing the Board of Jack's Restaurant's interest in coming to Booneville, Mississippi.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to appoint Catherine Mincy to the Booneville School Board. She had been the only person to apply, and she was currently serving as a board member whose term was expired. Alderman Williams made said motion to approve Catherine Mincy, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve Mississippi Department of Human Services as a vendor for the City of Booneville. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Molly Wimbish effective February 14, 2022. Alderman Shields 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 post for an Accounts Receivable Clerk at the rate of \$15.00 and up per hour, depending on experience. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to accept Cook Coggin Engineers as engineering services for Phase Three of the Downtown Project. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to accept the lowest and best bid for striping the City streets. Two (2) bids were received: Riverside bid \$49,860.00 and JC Cheek Contractors bid \$63,800.00. With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the lowest and best bid of Riverside, 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 go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel matter in General Government. Said request died for lack of motion.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel matter in the Gas & Water Department. Said request died for lack of motion.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed and said motion was requested. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman

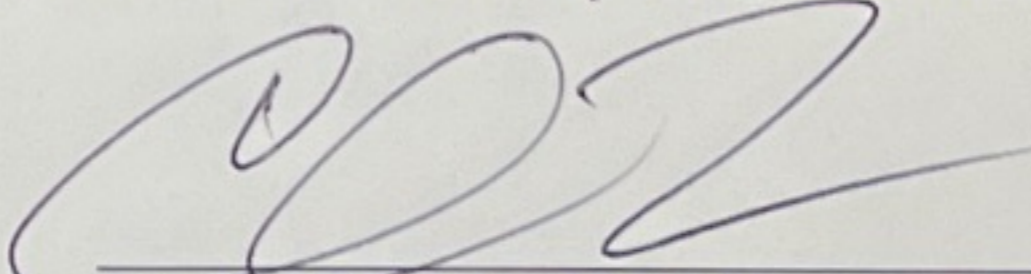
Williams, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the motion to go back into open session was requested. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

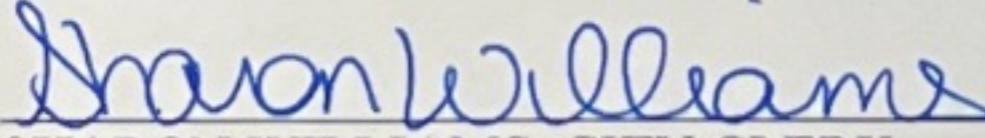
Back in open session, Mayor Lindley requested that a motion be made for the Board to approve to immediately pay Melissa Russell the sum of \$571.00 pending her signing a covenant not to sue.

Alderman Shields 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 for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK