

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

March 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, March 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 City Engineer David Moore.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Brant Sappington.

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

1. APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2022.
2. APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
3. APPROVE TO REIMBURSE JAMES PAGE \$35.76 FOR FUEL.
4. APPROVE PARK MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND MISSISSIPPI RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP—
TOTAL COST \$210.00.
5. APPROVE TO PAY RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC SYSTEMS, INC. INVOICE #7133700 \$45,777.42 & MOORE ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. INVOICE #014887 \$2,300.00 OUT OF 2019 BOND AND JUMPER OIL INVOICE # 72905, 72906, 72907, 72908 AND 72909 TOTALING \$12,893.61.

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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism/Main Street requesting that the Board approve a resolution declaring March 26, 2022, a Spring Open House

Event. 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, Lori Tucker requesting a resolution from the Board approving the months of July, August, and September for Grow at the Depot at the Depot Farmers' Market. Alderman Shields 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 to approve a resolution declaring April 30, 2022, as a date for the Hospitality Arts Festival. 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 hire Katherine Wardlow in General Government as Deputy Court Clerk with starting pay at \$12.00 per hour effective immediately and pending passing drug screen. Alderman Hicks 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 to hire Amber Davis as Deputy Clerk/Accounts Payable starting at \$15.60 per hour effective immediately and pending passing drug screen. Alderman Hicks 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 to hire Brandon Hood as a full-time Park Maintenance worker effective immediately at \$10.20 per hour and pending passing drug screen. Alderman Williams 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting to terminate Kaiser Pannell effective immediately. 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 In-house Customer Service Technician at the Gas & Water Office. 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 to post for a full-time Dispatcher at \$13.13 per hour. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested that he be allowed to hire Brandon Brooks as a full-time Police Officer at \$15.20 per hour effective immediately and upon him passing his drug screen. 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 hire Carol Warren as a seasonal employee in the Street Department at \$8.00 per hour and effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Williams requested an update on Sunflower Park was received.

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Next, under the Mayor's Report, the Mayor requested a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that an Executive Session was being held to discuss a personnel issue in the park department.

Next, Alderman Hicks made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

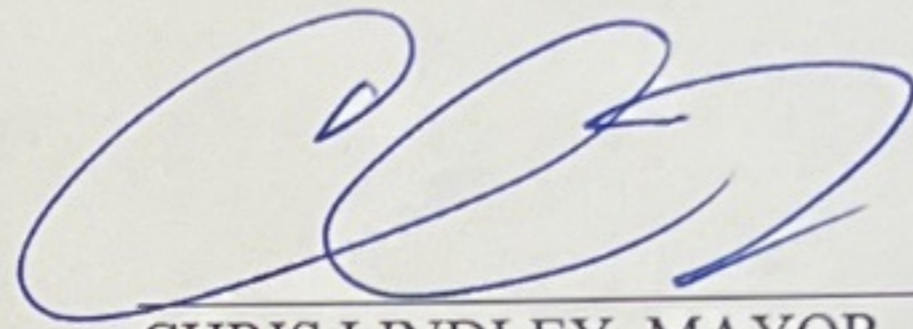
Back in open session, the Board received a recommendation by Park Director Jon Hill to terminate William Spencer effective immediately. Alderman Shields made said motion,

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 add to the agenda the approval of the MDOT Grant Activation Letter. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

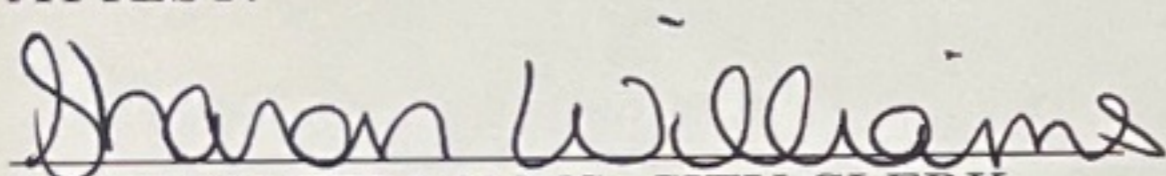
Alderman Williams made a motion to pass a resolution approving the Board sending in the Activation Letter for the MDOT Grant. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hicks 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

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Upon motion made by ~~Williams~~ ^{Williams} duly seconded by Slisler and unanimously approved, the Board of Alderman authorized Mayor Chris Lindley to initiate and request **activation** to the Mississippi Department of Transportation's, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant award of the of the following project:

Improved pedestrian travels through three (3) intersections in the Historic District of Downtown Booneville by means of ADA compliant pedestrian bulbs, reinforced concrete crosswalks, intersection lighting, sidewalk repairs, ADA parking, and Signage.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
CITY OF BOONEVILLE
COUNTY OF PRENTISS

I, Sharon Williams, City Clerk of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City of Booneville meeting on March 1, 2022.

Witness my signature under the Seal of the said City of Booneville, Mississippi, this the 1st day of March, 2022.

Sharon Williams
Sharon Williams, City Clerk

THERE CAME on to be heard the matter of enlarging and extending the corporate boundaries of the City of Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi, by annexing and adding thereto certain adjacent and unincorporated territory as more particularly described hereinafter, and after a full discussion and inquiry into the facts, the Board of Aldermen found, adjudicated and determined that such proposed enlargement and extension is reasonable and is required by the public convenience and necessity.

Whereupon Alderman Tara Lauderdale offered the following ordinance and made a motion for its adoption:

AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING AND EXTENDING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE, PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI: SPECIFYING THE MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC SERVICES TO BE RENDERED THEREIN; THE PALNNING AND ZONING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED THEREFORE AND THE IMPORVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE ANNEXED TERRITORY; TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF SAID CITY AS AMENDED, TO CONFIRM TO SUCH ENLARGEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES GERMANE THERETO

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE, PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That it is hereby found, adjudicated and determined: (a) that expansion of the corporate boundaries of the City of Booneville, Prentiss County, Mississippi ("the City), is required by the public convenience and necessity; (b) that the corporate boundaries of the City are hereby enlarged and extended by adding thereto the adjacent and contiguous unincorporated territory hereinafter described; (c) that territorial enlargement of the City as herein provided, is reasonable and necessary to accommodate the continued orderly future growth and development of City.