

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

March 15, 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 15, 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 Terry Tolar.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peggy Wroten.

There first came on for consideration, the request to add five (5) items to the agenda.

Those items were as follows:

1. MOWING LIST FOR GAS & WATER OFFICE, POCKET PARK AND MAGNOLIA STREET MEDIAN.
2. EMERGENCY HIRE OF A PART-TIME DISPATCHER.
3. BANCORPSOUTH \$1,800.00 FOR EQUIPMENT.
4. POLL WORKER PAY FOR UPCOMING ELECTION.
5. COURT CLERKS REGISTRATION.

With that, Alderman Miller made a motion to approve adding the items to 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 consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF 2-28-22, BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 3-1-22, SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES OF 3-4-22, AND SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES OF 3-7-22.
2. APPROVE TO REIMBURSE DERRICK HINDO \$51.23 FOR FUEL.

3. APPROVE RESIGNATION OF BRILEY STRICKLAND EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2022.
4. APPROVE RESIGNATION OF KATHERINE LAMBERT EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2022.

With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to approve 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 discussion, Patricia Sparks, Christy Rich, and Rita Pannell discussing the issue they have had on Calton Drive with Tina Calton.

There next came on for consideration, a request to put rumble strips by Bo-Lee's business. 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 discussion, the MDOT Phase II Budget.

Next, City Clerk Sharon Williams requested the Board approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request for North American Pipe. 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 to approve Map Solutions, Inc. to update our current map at a cost of \$1,125.00 for 750 maps. 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 transfer \$106,970.00 from the ARPA account to the Gas & Water account to pay for partial payment for the replacement of water and gas meters. 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 approve paying Liberty National Insurance, retroactive to March 8, 2022. 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 to approve paying Colonial Insurance retroactive to March 8, 2022. Alderman Hicks 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 table the spec and bid on the Sunflower Park Project until we receive communication from Swift of their financial commitment. 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 hire Rusty Whatley as Park Maintenance Supervisor at \$16.41 per hour effective April 1, 2022, and upon him passing a drug test. 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 approve posting for two (2) Operator positions in the Park Department with starting pay between \$12.10 and \$13.10 per hour depending on experience. 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 to approve applying for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant with no match from the City required. 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 accept bids for the mowing and weed eating of the following areas:

- 1) City Cemetery and the Old Booneville.
- 2) Peeler Park.
- 3) Depot.
- 4) Triangle at Market and Main Street.
- 5) Grass area across from Cox-Blythe.
- 6) Grass area across from Greg Beard's office.
- 7) George E. Allen Library, including maintenance of flower beds.
- 8) Grassy area in front of CID office.
- 9) Overhead Bridge.
- 10) City of Booneville signs, to include planting and maintenance of flower beds.

11) Maintenance and planting of bulbs downtown.

12) Stanley Street.

13) City Hall.

14) Gas & Water Office.

15) Pocket Park.

16) Magnolia Street Median.

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

Next, Fire Chief Michael Rutherford requested that he be allowed to increase the pay of Derrick Hindo to \$10.95 per hour effective immediately as he has finished the Academy and is a certified Fire Fighter. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Michael Rutherford requested that he be allowed to increase the pay of Jesse Arnold to \$10.95 per hour effective immediately as he has finished the Academy and is a certified Fire Fighter. 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 a variance from the Sewer Policy to allow Tony Smith to put in his own septic system and treatment plant at 300 Cedar Ridge Drive. City Engineer David Moore expressed that there was a lake between the service route, and that it would be quite costly for the City to run services to his home. With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to grant the variance, 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 transfer Carson Bruner from Gas Tech to In-House Customer Service Tech in the Gas & Water Department at \$12.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came on for discussion, the Horizontal Directional Drilling Ordinance.

There next came on for consideration, a request to hire Ty Dawson as a full-time Pipe Fitter at the starting rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately and upon him passing his drug

test. 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 to hire David Windham as a full-time Pipe Fitter at the starting rate of \$12.00 per hour effective immediately and upon him passing his drug test. 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 contract with Tri-State Meter & Regulator Service for the required annual maintenance of the C&G Filling Station. The cost is \$4,535.57. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested that he be allowed to post for a K-9 Officer with pay to be based on experience. 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 hire Briley Strickland as a part-time Police Officer at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately. 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 hire Katherine Lambert as a part-time Police Officer at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed the property clean-up process.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested a motion to approve a work session for Monday, March 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

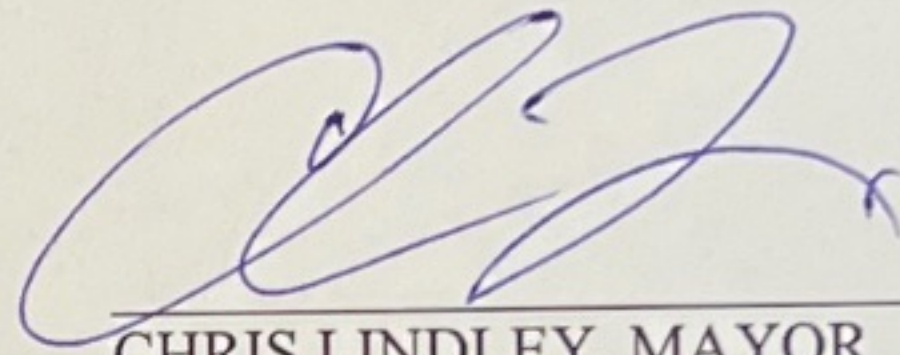
Next, Police Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to make a emergency hire of Lacy Upton as a part-time Dispatcher at \$11.50 per hour. She was already certified and can fill in immediately as this was a necessary position for emergency services. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to pay BancorpSouth in amount of \$1,800.00 on the note payment. 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 pay Poll Workers the maximum of \$125.00 for election day services. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

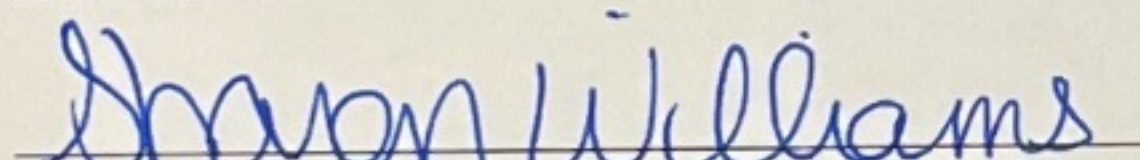
There next came on for consideration, a request to approve to pay for the Court Clerk registration of \$25.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Alderman present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, 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