

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

MAY 3, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, May 3, 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, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman LaVaile Shields was not present due to family illness. 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 by Mayor Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Daniel Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Olive.

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

1. KING/PENNA OFFER TO THE CITY.
2. MOWING AT THE CEMETERY.
3. RESIGNATION OF HUNTER WALTON.
4. HIRE HUNTER WALTON AS PART-TIME PATROLMAN.
5. CRAIG CLEVELAND'S SEWER.
6. ADDING DR. PRESTON'S PROPERTY TO THE CLEANUP LIST.
7. EMERGENCY HIRE OF KEITH FUGITT.
8. PAY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.
9. PAY BILL DOCKET.
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
11. JULY 5TH PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPERTY CLEAN-UP.

Alderman Lauderdale 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 items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2022, AND WORK SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2022,
2. APPROVE CARLEY VICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OUT OF THE DARE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00.

With that, Alderman Lauderdale 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, Jeannie Tice with Modern Woodmen of America requesting to use the Booneville Hardware Building, with the City waiving the fee, for October 20, 2022 for the Hometown Hero Event and for December 16, 2022 for Feed the Hungry Event (Supper with Santa). Alderman Miller 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 payment of \$25.00 to Secretary of State's Office for the Notary license for Amber Davis. 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 approve payment of \$25.00 to Secretary of State's Office for the Notary license for Angela Armstrong. 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 to add the additional umpires to the list for the 2022 season at \$35.00 per game, those were:

Kelly Hood

Emilee Henderson

Micah Moment

Jourdan Mathis

Molly Fowler

Sommer Tyes

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, Fire Chief Michael Rutherford requesting to post for a Battalion Chief position. Alderman Miller 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 hire Gregory Shelton to drive the mosquito spray truck as a seasonal employee at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. 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, Alderman Lauderdale requesting an update on 200 Michael Drive.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Lauderdale requested that the Board approve Mayor Lindley signing an order and application to apply for an ERBR Grant to fund bridge replacement. This had to be done by this Friday, and Kent Geno had reached out to Alderman Lauderdale to present the same. Alderman Hicks 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 by Alderman Williams to repair the sidewalk on Martin Luther King. 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 discussion, Alderman Miller discussing trash pickup on Fourth Street.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, the Mayor requested that he be allowed to attend the MML Board of Directors meeting in Flowood, Mississippi on May 11, 2022. Lodging (\$178.08) and meals (\$118.00) would total \$296.08. 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 table the hiring of a Gas & Water Manager. 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 table the hiring of a Gas Foreman. Said motion was made by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 table hiring an IT Manager. Said motion was made by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 approve Kenny White as the Interim Street Department Manager, at the Manager's current salary and rate of pay. 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 run a 12 inch board with a 6 inch line to the property owned by Mr. King and Mr. Penna. Mr. King and Mr. Penna would contribute \$13,000.00 to the cost of the project. The City would pay the difference. 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, a request to approve the low quote for the mowing of the two (2) cemeteries. U Grow It, We Mow It quoted \$450.00 per mowing and Yard Master quoted \$800.00 per mowing. With that, Alderman Lauderdale made the motion to approve the lowest and best quote of U Grow It, We Mow It for \$450.00 for each mowing, 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 accept the resignation of Hunter Walton from the Police Department. 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 hire Hunter Walton as a part-time Patrolman at the rate of \$11.50 per hour. 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 add Dr. Preston's property in Wickwood Subdivision to the property clean-up list. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting to hire Keith Fugitt as the Animal Control/Patrol Officer at the rate of \$14.50 per hour. 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 pay the Election Commissioners for the School Referendum Election. 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 pay the bill docket. 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 paying U Grow It, We Mow It for mowing the Booneville cemeteries two (2) times. Alderman Williams made a motion to add the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Miller made a motion to pay U Grow It, We Mow It for the two (2) mowings at \$450.00 each time, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested a closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss an economic development matter. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen 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 Aldermen present and all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

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

Back in open session, it was announced that an economic development matter was discussed with no action taken.

Lastly, 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
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

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