

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

November 1, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of November 2022, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Board Room, at City Hall, 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 Jarius Maxey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Tucker.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2022 AND THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2022.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
- 3) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE COLE STREET \$50.00 FOR GAS FROM OCTOBER 25, 2022.
- 4) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS AND AMBER DAVIS TO ATTEND THE WINTER CLERK CONFERENCE DECEMBER 13-16, 2022 IN FLOWOOD, MS WITH REGISTRATION \$265.00 EACH TOTALING \$530.00; LODGING \$537.00 EACH TOTALING \$1,074.00; MEALS \$196.64 EACH TOTALING \$393.28; MILEAGE \$270.00 EACH TOTALING \$540.00.
- 5) APPROVE JOSHUA LIGON'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 24, 2022.
- 6) APPROVE THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI NARCOTIC'S UNIT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the items 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, Jenny Woodard with Thrasher School requesting

approval of rental reimbursement for the Hardware Building to the school. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams made a request for a resolution to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #8390 (702 South Lake St) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$1,000.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$150.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$1,150.00. Alderman Williams made said motion for the resolution, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #2843 (803 South Lake St.) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$1,950.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$292.50 for a total lien to be collected of \$2,242.50. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion for the resolution, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #8282 (906 Hatchie St.) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$2,000.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$300.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$2,300.00. Alderman Williams made said motion for the resolution,

seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #8526 (306 E. Lake St.) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$2,250.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$337.50 for a total lien to be collected of \$2,587.50. Alderman Miller made said motion for the resolution, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #5108 (105 Cedar St.) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$600.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$90.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$690.00. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for PPIN #8670 (400 Miller Circle) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$3,200.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$480.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$3,680.00. Alderman Williams made said motion for the resolution, seconded by

Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #2552 (3506 West Chambers) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$2,100.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$315.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$2415.00. Alderman Hicks made said motion for the resolution, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve assessment of cost and penalties for property cleanup on PPIN #5110 (103 Cedar St.) and for the amount to be "a lien against the property and enrolled in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Prentiss County, and for the tax collector for the City of Booneville to proceed to sell the land to satisfy the lien as provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Further, to file any documents necessary with the Chancery Clerk of Prentiss County to protect the City of Booneville's interest. The actual cost of cleanup of said property was \$600.00 plus a 15% penalty of \$90.00 for a total lien to be collected of \$690.00. Alderman Williams made said motion for the resolution, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the final resolution for North American Pipe 2022-2031 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the final resolution for Scranton (New Way) 2022-2031 ad valorem Tax Exemption request. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the final resolution for Caterpillar 2022-2031 ad valorem Tax Exemption request. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the freeport application for ACCO Brands 2022 application. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the freeport application for Sutter Street Manufacturing 2022 application. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams made a request to approve the freeport application for Caterpillar, Inc. 2022 application. Alderman Lauderdale 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department made a request to approve a resolution to pay \$3,000.00 for the Holiday Open House from the Tourism Fund. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Shields 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department with a request to approve promoting Rod Williams from part-time to full-time and to increase his pay rate to \$13.00 per hour effective on the next pay period. Alderman Shields 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 discussion/consideration, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew and Jarius Maxey regarding the Rescue Truck previously approved to purchase from Landers Ford for \$50,549.00. The City will probably not receive that truck. Chief Agnew requested the board approve purchasing a 2023 Rescue Truck from Landers Ford under State contract price of \$61,851.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to purchase said 2023 rescue truck on condition that we could not get the 2022 previously purchased or if we do that, we do not have to

purchase the 2023, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office made a request to update the Gas & Water Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey with a request to approve hiring Wesley Graves as a part-time Patrol Officer at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey made a request to approve hiring Michael Carter as a full-time Animal Control Officer at \$14.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey made a request to approve the low quote from Comsouth to equip the Patrol vehicles at \$31,736.05 and \$6,246.97. 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, City Engineer David Moore with a request to approve advertising for bids for the proposed gas line extension on County Road 8061 with an estimated cost of \$134,620.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, David Moore requested approval for advertising for bids for the proposed gas line extension on County Road 448, with an estimated cost of \$98,120.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, David Moore requested approval for the low quote of Eubank Construction in the amount of \$38,100.00 for the McCoy gas line on Highway 30. Alderman Williams made said

motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. Perma Corp was the only other bid at \$44,800.00

Next, David Moore requested approval for the low quote of Eubank Construction in the amount of \$74,200.00 for the gas line at Bryant Crossing. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. Perma Corp was the only other bid in the amount of \$84,737.50

There next came on for consideration, Charles Sanders with Public Property gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #8191 (1618 East Church Street owned by Sarah Ferguson). They had demolished but had not hauled off. Charles Sanders had given the opinion and the board adjudicated that, in the property's current condition, it is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to obtain quotes to clean said property, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #2379 (508 Jacinto Road owned by Charles Scroggins). Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to extend time for the owner to clean said property to the first Board meeting in March 2023, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #241 (1300 Meadow Creek Drive owned by Ronald Moore). Charles Sanders had given the opinion and the board adjudicated that, in the property's current condition, it is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Hicks made a motion to obtain quotes to clean said property, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #8095 (108 Walden Drive owned by Jordan Berryman). Alderman Shields made a motion to remove said property from the cleanup list, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #6270 (North Second Street owned by the Anderson Estate). Alderman Shields made a motion to extend time for the owner to clean said property to the first Board meeting in March 2023, seconded by Alderman

Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #2831 (713 South Bryant Street owned by Tammy Morgan). Charles Sanders had given the opinion and the board adjudicated that, in the property's current condition, it is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to obtain quotes to clean said property, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #6684 (307 South Bryant Street owned by Tim and Nancy McCoy). Alderman Hicks made a motion to extend time for the owners to clean said property to the first Board meeting in March 2023, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #18684 (608 College Street owned by Christie Renne Stevens). Charles Sanders had given the opinion and the board adjudicated that, in the property's current condition, it is a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to obtain quotes to clean said property, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #5992 (100 Oak Street owned by Robert Tyes). Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to extend time for the owner to clean said property to the first Board meeting in March 2023, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders gave a property cleanup update on PPIN #5302 (301 Park Street owned by Darius McGuirt). Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to extend time for the owner to clean said property to the first Board meeting in March 2023, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, with the Board Report, Alderman Shields made a motion to discuss the Mayor's performance. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion that, due to the Mayor's recent conviction of assault on a minor, to reduce the Mayor's salary to \$40,000.00 per year and asked for his resignation, seconded by Alderman Hicks. The following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Aye
Alderman Lauderdale—Aye
Alderman Miller—Aye
Alderman Shields—Aye
Alderman Williams—Nay

With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion passed.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table the discussion of the policy concerning live coverage of Board meetings, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to reinstate the policy to allow the Mayor to have a city vehicle, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss PCDA. 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 to go back into open session. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session it was announced that the prior matter must be handled in open meeting.

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion for the city to increase their giving to PCDA to \$30,000.00 per year, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval for the placement of a light pole at the intersection of Cedar Street and Meadowcreek Drive. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval to move the first Board meeting in December to the Hardware Building. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

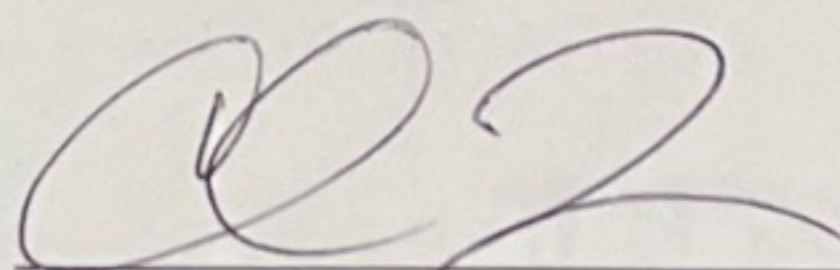
Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval of an agreement with Ricky Thompson concerning the dumping of leaves on his property which would be at no charge to the city. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

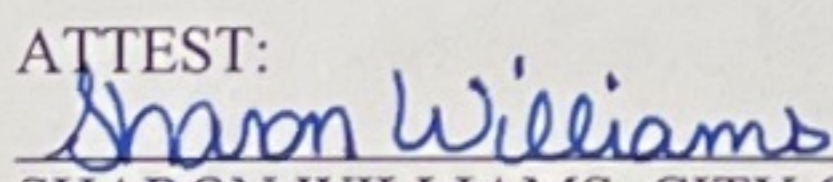
Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval to purchase a ½ page yearbook ad for \$90.00 from Jumpertown School. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval of the bid for financing the new Police Department at Farmers & Merchants Bank for up to \$2,500,000.00. Farmers and Merchants bank had bid 4.81% with a close date of 12/04/2022. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval to accept the low bid of Roberts Builders, Inc. at \$2,487,000.00 to build phase 1 of the new Police Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Hicks 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