

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

November 15, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of November 2022, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, November 15, 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 Harold Knight.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lindley.

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

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022.
- 2) APPROVE TO REFUND BOBBY AGNEW \$71.16 FOR DOLLAR GENERAL ON OCTOBER 31, 2022.
- 3) APPROVE TO PAY THE MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LIABILITY PLAN PREMIUM \$78,968.73.
- 4) APPROVE TO PAY BANCORP SOUTH (NETWORK BALLISTICS) \$1,800.00.
- 5) APPROVE TO PAY DAVID MOORE \$400.00 FOR THE CITY ENGINEER.
- 6) APPROVE TO REFUND MIRAGEA LEACH \$150.00 FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL.
- 7) APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF CAROL WARREN FROM THE STREET DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- 8) APPROVE THE BEER PERMIT FOR JR FOOD MART.
- 9) APPROVE TAYLOR WALKER'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27, 2022.
- 10) APPROVE PAYMENT TO IIMC (INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS) FOR SHARON WILLIAMS' CMC CERTIFICATION.

Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jenny Woodard with Thrasher School requested that the rental fee for the Hardware Building be waived and requested reimbursement of the deposit. It would be used for the Thrasher Prom, to be held on April 14, 2023. 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, Melissa Carr requesting an extension of the closing time of the Old Hardware Building on December 31, 2022, for a surprise party. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval of the final resolution for Caterpillar, Inc. 2022-2031 ad valorem tax exemption request. 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 approve to accept past taxes on PPIN 1610. 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 put a blanket on accepting past tax payments for PPIN's that belong to the city. 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 approve a Lease Agreement allowing Dealer One Stop to use the Old Fred's Building parking lot for an event December 9-18, 2022. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting acceptance of the lowest and best quote for the City Christmas decorations. Two (2) quotes were received. One was from Dickerson Industrial Services in the amount of \$13,000.00, and the second one was from Mosa Design in the amount of \$25,500.00. Alderman Miller made a motion to accept the low and best quote from Dickerson Industrial Services in the amount of \$13,000.00, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 requesting approval of a credit line with BWI Companies, Inc. Alderman Shields 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval of the payload upgrade to the Ford F-550 at a cost of \$1,051.00. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to purchase a Ford F-350 at State Contract price of \$48,800.00. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to accept the low and best quote on replacing the Wheeler ground bed. Two (2) quotes were received. One was from Sullivan Natural Gas Services in the amount of \$11,332.00 and the second one was from J.E. Simms in the amount of \$14,485.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the low and best quote of Sullivan Natural Gas Services, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Oscar Joshlin requested approval to purchase a Ford F-350 at State Contract price in the amount of \$48,800.00. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey with a request to approve hiring Cody Horn as a full-time Patrol Officer at a rate of \$17.20 per hour, effective immediately and upon him passing his drug test. 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 consideration, Kenny White with the Street Department with a request for approval to post for a full-time Operator at the rate of \$15.00 to \$17.00 per hour, depending on experience. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kenny White requested approval to receive quotes to replace sidewalks on Martin Luther King Drive. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kenny White requested approval to purchase a Bush Hog BH317 at the State Contract price of \$6,151.50. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kenny White requested approval to purchase a Bush Hog 2810 at the State Contract price of \$21,046.85. 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, Alderman Lauderdale making a motion to override the Mayor's veto, 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, overriding the mayor's veto was approved.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to evaluate the mayor's work performance after 90 days and to reconsider the issue of the salary decrease. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the mayor's report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to declare November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Thanksgiving Holidays. Alderman Shields 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 declare December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as Christmas Holidays. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval to declare January 2, 2023 as the New Year's Holiday. 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, a request to approve making Elevator Street a one-way street. 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 approve the Christmas Parade route with it ending at Bryant's Crossing. 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, Alderman Shields making a motion to continue the matter with Mary Alice Russell's property located at 107 Marietta Street (PPIN #3116) to December 20, 2022 to see what progress in cleaning up had been made. This was 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 Community Center Usage Policy. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter, 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 Mayor Lindley signing paperwork for the loan for the construction of the new Police Department. 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 approve Mayor Lindley, City Clerk Sharon Williams, and Alderman Shields to be on the signature card for the old Fred's Building loan for the purpose of writing checks. 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 to approve the City obtaining construction loan and paying the interest monthly as money was borrowed. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. At end of project, it would convert to a conventional type loan.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Lindley with a request to approve the low and best quote for the purchase of the Mayor's vehicle. Multiple quotes were received. 1) City Auto in the amount of \$39,818.00 plus tax; 2) Carl Hogan Honda in the amount of \$40,000.00 for a 2019 Ford F-150; 3) Dossett Big 4 for a 2019 Chevy Colorado with 70,000+ miles; 4) Serra of Jackson for a 2019 Chevy Colorado with 39,000+ miles in the amount of \$23,992.00; and 5) Price Auto in the amount of \$38,325.00 for a 2021 F-150. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the quote of Price Auto if the truck was still available and if the vehicle was approved by the mayor, after looking at the same. This was 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 rescinding an order to put in a light pole at Cedar Street and Meadowcreek Drive. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

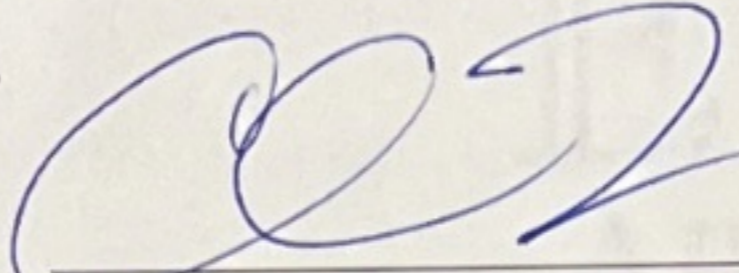
There next came on for consideration, a request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss an issue within the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

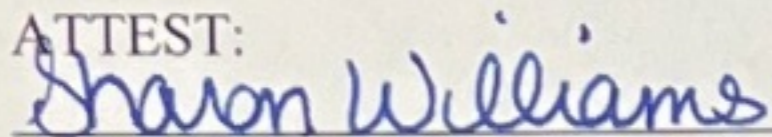
Next, it was determined that an executive session was required. Alderman Shields made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Back in open session it was announced that no action was taken.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn in honor of Lewis Tynes, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK