

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

October 4, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of October 2022, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 Lori Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Lauderdale.

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

- 1) CLOSED SESSION PERSONNEL ISSUE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- 2) CLOSED SESSION GAS AND WATER.
- 3) BS BAR AND GRILL BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSE.
- 4) 107 MARIETTA PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 15TH.
- 5) WORK SESSION OCTOBER 17TH.
- 6) BID OPENING FOR FINANCING OF FRED'S BUILDING.
- 7) ACCEPT LOW BID FOR FRED'S BUILDING.
- 8) APPROVE TO DECLARE A SURPLUS IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,275.00.

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to add the items to 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, the request to approve items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF 09-15-22.
2. APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
3. APPROVE TO REFUND BOBBY AGNEW FOR WALMART PURCHASE \$10.78 AND \$14.47 IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$25.25.

4. APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF BRANDON BROOKS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE 10-03-22.
5. APPROVE TREY SLATON, SAMMY MCGEE, AND LAURA SMITH TO ATTEND MS 911 COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 24-28 AT IP CASINO IN BILOXI, MS \$495 EACH FOR REGISTRATION TOTALING \$1,485.00; LODGING \$103.99 EACH TOTALING \$1,247.88; AND THEY WILL USE THE FUEL CARD. THE ROOMS AND REGISTRATION WILL BE REIMBURSED BY MS STATE STANDARDS AND TRAININGS.
6. APPROVE G&W TO REIMBURSE CITY OF BOONEVILLE \$14,190.24 FOR UHC THAT CAME OUT OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNT.
7. APPROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST CULVERT PROJECT BILL FROM BREEDLOVE & SON CONSTRUCTION \$22,788.00 (SEE ATTACHED ORIGINAL APPROVAL 8-16-22).
8. APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$250.00 TO BRYAN K. BEENE FOR A MEDICAL BILL AT CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF NORTH MISSISSIPPI TO HAVE A STRESS TEST DONE FOR CDL.
9. APPROVE TO PAY FMBANK LOAN ON PIERCE FIRE TRUCK OUT OF FIRE PROTECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,239.14.
10. APPROVE TO PAY GENERAL OBLIGATION UTILITY BOND AT FIRST SECURITY BANK FOR \$15,701.88.
11. APPROVE TO PAY SERIES 2019 SPECIAL OBLIGATION BOND AT THE PEOPLES BANK FOR \$251,809.38.
12. APPROVE TO PAY AMERICAN RED CROSS DISASTER SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI \$3,000.00,
13. REIMBURSE WARREN JOHNSON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1706.11.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on 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 consideration, Betty Ann Wood requesting waiving of the fee for the Westside Community Center for a Crossroads Full Gospel Church event on October 28, 2022. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and a vote of 5 against and 0 for, the motion was defeated.

There next came on for consideration, Ginger Murphy requesting blocking off the street in front of the Hardware Building for a BHS Homecoming Parent sponsored dance on October 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams made a request to approve Marathon Cheese's final tax exemption. Alderman Williams made said motion, 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 Pro Via LLC's final tax exemption. 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 Williams-Sonoma's final tax exemption. Alderman Williams made said motion, 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 Lily Girl, Inc. DBA Girlie Girl Originals' final tax exemption. Alderman Shields 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 Acco Brands USA, LLC's final tax exemption. Alderman Williams made said motion, 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 Plumrose's final tax exemption. 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 reappoint Robert Swinney as a board member with the Booneville Housing Authority. There were no other applicants. 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 opening a cash drawer for Angela Armstrong in the amount of \$150.00 in operating cash which will come out of the general funds account. 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, a request to approve the annual Municipal Compliance Questionnaire. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requested approval of a resolution for Extreme Surface Cleaning, LLC to pressure wash and seal the downtown sidewalks at a cost of \$6,735.60 to be paid for from the Tourism Fund. This resolution had been approved by the

Tourism Board. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of a resolution for Shark 102.3 to be paid from the Tourism Fund in the amount of \$1,200.00 for "Shop Local Ads". Said Ad would promote the City of Booneville, MS. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of a resolution to purchase three (3) picnic tables and three (3) waste bins at \$6,400.00 to be paid for from the Tourism Fund. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of a resolution for local advertising in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid for from the Tourism Fund. Said Ad would promote the City of Booneville. This resolution had been approved by the Tourism Board and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requested approval to hire Connor Presley in the Park Maintenance Department at the rate of \$13.10 per hour effective immediately and pending passing a drug screen. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill requested approval to repurpose/demolish the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks buildings at the Park and to write a letter requesting repurposing of the buildings. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill requested approval to retroactively remove the tennis courts and replace them with splash pads. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale,

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

Next, Jon Hill requested approval to hire Anna Floyd as a part-time employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks,

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

Next, Jon Hill requested approval to hire Anna Floyd as an Umpire at the rate of \$35.00 per game. 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, the request to discuss/approve gas lines for Gary Walker's project at the old Wal-Mart building. Alderman Hicks made a motion to table this matter and add it to a work session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested approval to hire Cody Triplett as a full-time Police Officer at a starting pay of \$16.70 per hour effective immediately and upon passing a drug screen, and once fully certified, he will receive a 50 cent pay raise to \$17.20 per hour. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested approval to hire Christian Kennedy as a full-time Dispatcher at \$14.50 per hour, effective immediately and upon passing a drug screen, and once certified, to receive a 50 cent raise to \$15.00 per hour. 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 the Axon Project at a total cost of \$408,526.70. Alderman Hicks 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, a request to purchase Police body armor from Mid-South Uniform & Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$21,675.84. 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 go into closed session to see if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel issue within the Police Department.

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

Alderman Shields made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Shields 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, Police Chief Ramey requested suspension of D.J. Wilkerson for three (3) days without pay. 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 with the Street Department, requested approval to purchase a leaf truck from Covington Sales in the amount of \$249,780.00. Alderman Williams 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 for replacing the culvert crossing on Kidd Street. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter until it can be determined if it is a street, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Kenny White requested approval to clean out the ditch beside Danny Groves' home on North General Collins Drive. This had been determined to be city water. 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 post for an Assistant at the Street Department at the pay rate of \$18.90 to \$19.40 based on experience. 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 hire Terry Warren as a seasonal employee at the Street Department at the pay rate of \$11.00 per hour. Alderman Shields made said motion,

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

Next, James McChristian with the IT Department requested approval for Phase 3 on the Microsoft Email Account Migration which will cost \$10,000.00. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Shields discussed the need to complete the drainage project in Glen Smith Subdivision. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale discussed the rubbish pickup in Ward 1.

Next, Alderman Williams discussed the drain at the First Methodist Church. Alderman Williams made a motion to fix the drain, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams discussed the Fire Chief pay. This mater would be added to the Work session.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed the East Lake Street drainage project and need for bids. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to get bids for this project, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed the progress on East Church Street.

Next, Alderman Miller gave an update on Joan Lesley's yard and the street in front of her home.

Next, Alderman Miller gave an update on the ditch in front of Brenda Presley's home.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley discussed a citizen's request for a manufactured home on Caldwell Road for Mrs. Leathers.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval to purchase a holiday cookbook ad with the Banner Independent in the amount of \$650.00. This would promote the

City of Booneville, Mississippi. 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, a request for an executive session to discuss a matter concerning economic development. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams then 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.

Alderman Shields 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.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval of a resolution to hire Pinkowski and Company to complete a feasibility study, in the amount of \$16,000.00, to be split between the Tourism and Park Tourism Funds. 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 for a closed session to discuss a personnel issue in the Fire Department. Alderman Hicks made a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Lauderdale then made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Hicks 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. When back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

Alderman Williams made said motion to accept the resignation of Fireman Charles Beene, effective immediately, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval to rescind the prior approval for posting for the position of an assistant at the Street Department. 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 for a closed session to discussion a matter in the Gas and Water Department. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Alderman Shields 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 no action was taken.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval of BS Bar and Grill Beer and Liquor License. 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 for approval of a public hearing for 107 Marietta Street on November 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Hicks 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 for approval to call a work session for October 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. 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 for approval to open bids for financing of the Fred's Building. One bid had been received from Farmers and Merchants Bank for

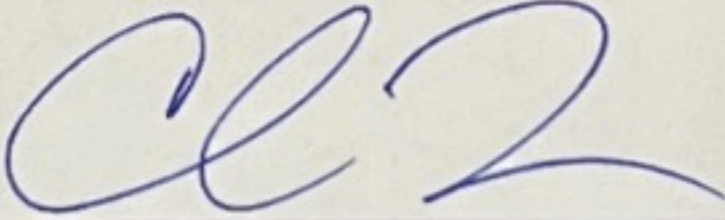
\$1,835,726.58 the rate of 4.81% for a 22-year note. Alderman Williams made said motion, to accept this bid, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the opening of the construction bids on phase 1 of the Police Department/Fred's Building. Four bids had been received. 1. CIG in the amount of \$2,946,000.00; 2. Hooker Construction, \$2,500,000.00; 3. Roberts Builders, \$2,487,000.00 and 4. Worsham Brothers, \$2,585,000.00. A motion was made to table this matter to rebid the financing of the building since the cost of construction was more than the amount requested to be financed. Alderman Shields made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye" the motion carried.

Next Alderman Hicks made a motion to seek bids for financing on the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for stage 1 of the Police Department/Fred's Building, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

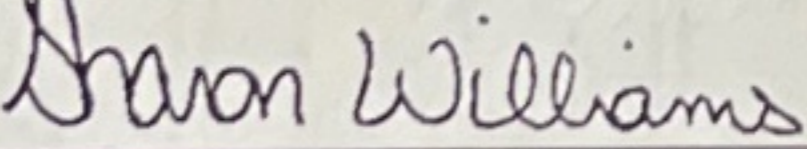
There next came on for consideration, a request for approval to declare a surplus in the Water Department in the amount of \$150,275.00. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Shields made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



 CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK