

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

September 15, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of September 2022, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Thursday, September 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 and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman LaVaile Shields participated by phone due to an 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 in open session by Mayor Chris Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Oscar Joslin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debra Bryant.

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

- 1) DISCUSS/APPROVE A CONFERENCE FOR SHANTAY WILLIAMS IN OXFORD ON 09-01-2022 THROUGH 09-23-2022, WITH THE COST TO BE \$98.32 FOR MEALS AND \$43.75 FOR MILEAGE.
- 2) TO REINSTATE OF POLICY OF HOLDING THE YEARLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REVIEWS, TO BE HELD THE SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER.
- 3) TONY SMITH TO SPEAK ON METER AND WATER CONNECTIONS.

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 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF 09-05-22; AND MEETING OF 09-06-22.

2. APPROVE \$300.00 REFUND, RETROACTIVE TO CAMERON WHATLEY FOR KICKBALL ON 08-26-2022.
3. APPROVE TO REFUND ANGELA ARMSTRONG FOR AN INSURANCE OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46.80.
4. APPROVE TO TERMINATE JEFF PRENTISS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
5. APPROVE TO DECLARE SURPLUS IN THE GAS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000.00.
6. APPROVE TO ALLOW A DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT HOPE OUTDOORS.

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.

Next, Sharon Williams requested that she be allowed to open a new bank account at Farmers Merchants Bank for the HB 1353 funds for the NEMCC drainage project. 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, Sharon Williams requesting that she be allowed to hire Courtney Moore as the Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective immediately and upon her passing a drug screen. 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, the request to post for the upcoming Booneville Housing Authority board member position, due to a current board members term expiring. 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, the request by Lisa Stennett to transfer \$1,400,000.00 to the general account of the City of Booneville. 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 to approve increase the pay of Gary Coats by \$2.00 per hour, due to him taking over all of the responsibilities of the Booneville Cemetery. This would be reevaluated in a year to make sure this move working, and the position held by Jeff Prentiss would be eliminated. 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 allow City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker to start the clean-up process on the 107 Marietta Street property, bearing PPIN #3116. 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 the wages for the city employees as listed in the proposed budget "a copy of which will be attached", with most city employees receiving a \$2.00 per hour increase and with the City Judge, City Public Defender and emergency management director receiving a \$1,000.00 per year raise. 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 rebid for financing on Phase I of the Fred's Building/Booneville Police Department project. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

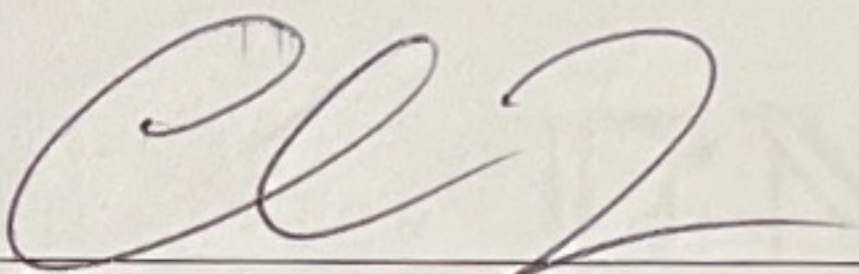
There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the fee for the building permit for the new Police Department project. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow city court clerk Shantay Williams to attend a conference in Oxford, MS 09-21-22 through 09-23-22 with a cost of \$98.32 for meals and \$43.75 for mileage. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

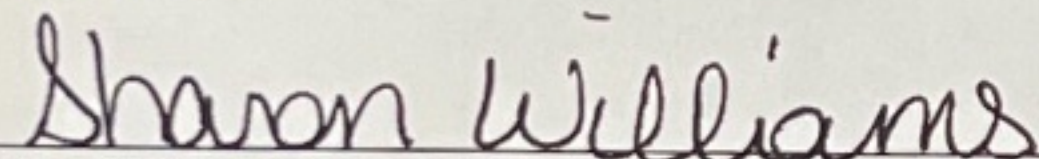
Next Tony Smith addressed the board about his meter and water hookups at his apartments he was putting in, in downtown Booneville.

There next came on for consideration, the request to reinstate the policy to hold annual reviews for Department Heads each year, to be held the second meeting in October. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", except Alderman Williams who voted "Nay" the motion carried by a vote of 4 for and 1 against.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams 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, CITY CLERK