

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

September 6, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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 Alderman Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Engineer David Moore.

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

- 1) DISCUSS/APPROVE PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE \$32.00 TO PAY TAG FEES FOR THE TWO (2) NEW POLICE VEHICLES.
- 2) DISCUSS/APPROVE PRIVILEGE LICENSE VAULT WINE, & LIQUOR, LLC.
- 3) DISCUSS/APPROVE TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AT THE TREATMENT PLANT.
- 4) DISCUSS/APPROVE JOHNNY DALE MURPHY PROPERTY PPIN 1676.
- 5) DISCUSS/APPROVE TO HIRE DUSTIN BAIN AS A PIPE FITTER AT \$15.00 PER HOUR EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PASSING DRUG SCREEN AND PHYSICAL.
- 6) APPROVE BUDGET.
- 7) DISCUSS SECOND BOARD MEETING OF THE MONTH.
- 8) APPROVE MILLAGE RATE.

Alderman Shields made said motion to add the items to the consent 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 items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING OF 08-16-22; SPECIAL CALLED 8-19-22 & 8-23-22; AND WORK SESSION MINUTES 8-22-22, 8-23-22 AND 8-29-22.
2. APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
3. APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF RIDGE LAWSON AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER EFFECTIVE 9-01-22.
4. APPROVE REFUND TO SHOW ME INVESTMENTS 2019 \$36.44, 2020 \$33.55; CLAY HILL FARMS 2019 \$48.46; COUNTY LINE DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION 2020 \$48.12.
5. APPROVE REFUND FROM CITY TO G&W FOR A REFUND FROM BBI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,542.00.
6. APPROVE LORI TUCKER TO ATTEND A MAIN STREET MEETING SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, HOTEL STAY FOR TWO (2) NIGHTS ESTIMATED AT \$160.00 PER NIGHT, TWO (2) MEALS. AND 590 MILES.
7. APPROVE PRIVILEGE LICENSE FOR VAULT WINE & LIQUOR, LLC.
8. APPROVE TO PAY MAYOR'S MILEAGE RETROACTIVE BACK TO JUNE 23, 2022—JUNE \$845.46; JULY \$960.90 (DOES NOT INCLUDE CURRENT DOCKET PAYMENT FOR AUGUST).

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.

Next, Jordan Bennett came before the Board requesting he be allowed to close Main Street between Market and Church Streets for a wedding on November 12, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

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

Next, Peggy Wroten appeared before the Board to discuss discrimination.

There next came on for consideration, Lori Tucker requesting that the Board approve a resolution for Local Ads and for Northeast MS Community College TV Broadcasting to run \$622.88 and to be paid from the Tourism Account. 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

There next came on for consideration, Lori Tucker requesting that the Board approve a resolution for an ice skating rink to be set up during the holidays at the cost of \$15,623.96, to be paid from the Tourism Account. The Tourism Board had previously approved this resolution. 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, Lori Tucker requesting that the Board approve a resolution to repair the back porch area at the Depot with the lowest quote coming from H D Construction in the amount of \$18,250.00 and to be paid from the Tourism Account. The Tourism Board had previously approved this resolution. Alderman Miller 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 allow Main Street to use the Hardware Building during the Christmas Parade on Monday, December 5, 2022, and to waive the rental fee. 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 block Truman Street for a holiday event with ice skating, kid train rides, carriage rides, and visit with Santa on the Caboose from December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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 by Jon Hill to hire Alex Wilson as an umpire at \$35.00 per game. 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 by Jon Hill to hire Hans Vandekel as an umpire at \$35.00 per game. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew with a request to promote Andrew King to Firefighter III at the rate of \$11.73 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew with a request to promote Jeremey Childress to Firefighter III at the rate of \$11.73 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew with a request to promote Blake Kelly to Firefighter II at the rate of \$11.23 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.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew with a request to promote Chris Hindo to Firefighter II at the rate of \$11.23 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office with a request to transfer \$105,000.00 for Gas & Water to the City of Booneville for payment of an Administrative Fee. 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 run a yearly ad "WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS/811" to run in the Banner Independent one (1) time at a cost of \$156.00. This would promote this issue and the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Williams 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 approve for Oscar Joshlin, Paul Carpenter, and Lisa Stennett to attend the Mississippi Natural gas Association's Gas Operator Conference in Jackson, Mississippi September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Hotel costs are \$897.75, Registration is \$375.00, Meals are \$369.00 with total cost being \$1,641.75 plus use of City vehicle and fuel card. 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 by Paul Carpenter to pass the cost of road boars on the customer. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this matter and to discuss at a work session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table the matter of approving cost per footage of services, to be discussed at a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey with a request that he be allowed to hire Nickola Ward as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey with a request that he be allowed to hire Ridge Lawson as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately. 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, a request of opening and accepting bids for cleanup of property inside the City limits of Booneville, Mississippi.

- 1) PPIN #8390, 702 South Lake Street, Owner-Bob Floyd. The following bids were received: Waldon Land & Development--\$4,500.00; Dependable Dozer Work--\$1,200.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$1,800.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$1,000.00;

and Breedlove & Son--\$8,500.00. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Koon's Construction, LLC for \$1,000.00, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

- 2) PPIN #2843, 803 South Lake Street, Owner-Edge Auto Auction. The following bids were received: Dependable Dozer Work--\$2,900.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$1,950.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$3,700.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$10,800.00. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Burns Dozer & Backhoe for \$1,950.00, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 3) PPIN #8526, 306 East Lake Street, Owner-Lawanda Gahagan. The following bids were received: Dependable Dozer Work--\$2,700.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$2,250.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$2,990.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$10,000.00. With that, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Burns Dozer & Backhoe for \$2,250.00, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 4) PPIN #2552, 3506 Chambers Drive, Owner-Larry Wood. The following bids were received: Waldon Land & Development--\$5,500.00; Dependable Dozer Work--\$2,100.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$2,350.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$3,240.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$12,500.00. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Dependable Dozer Work for \$2,100.00, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 5) PPIN #8670, 400 Miller Circle, Owner-Larry Scruggs. The following bids were received: Dependable Dozer Work--\$3,200.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$3,750.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$4,470.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$15,000.00. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low bid of Dependable Dozer Work for \$3,200.00, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

- 6) PPIN #8282, 906 Hatchie Street, Owner-LaKeshia Floyd. The following bids were received: Waldon Land & Development--\$7,500.00; Dependable Dozer Work--\$2,800.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$2,000.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$3,000.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$10,000.00. With that, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Burns Dozer & Backhoe for \$2,000.00, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 7) PPIN #5110, 103 Cedar Street, Owner-Minnie Mae Baptist. The following bids were received: Waldon Land & Development--\$1,200.00; Dependable Dozer Work--\$600.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$1,600.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$750.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$3,500.00. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Dependable Dozer Work for \$600.00, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 8) PPIN #5108, 105 Cedar Street, Owner-Rebecca Clark. The following bids were received: Waldon Land & Development--\$1,200.00; Dependable Dozer Work--\$600.00; Burns Dozer & Backhoe--\$1,600.00; Koon's Construction, LLC--\$750.00; and Breedlove & Son--\$3,500.00. With that, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the low and best bid of Dependable Dozer Work for \$600.00, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.
- 9) PPIN #5302, 301 Park Street. Alderman Hicks made a motion to receive bids to clean up the property, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", this motion was defeated 5 to 0 with all Aldermen voting against. Next, Alderman Shields made a motion to carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #8191 located at 1618 East Church Street and owned by Sarah Ferguson. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #2379 located at 508 Jacinto Road and

owned by Charles Scroggins. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #241 located at 1300 Meadowcreek Drive and owned by Ronald Moore. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #8095 located at 108 Walden Drive and owned by Jordan Berryman. Alderman Miller made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #6270 located at Second Street and owned by the Anderson Estate. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #2831 located at 713 South Bryant Street and owned by Tammy Morgan. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #6684 located at 307 South Bryant Street and owned by Tim and Nancy McCoy. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first



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

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #18684 located at 608 College Street and owned by Christie Renne Stevens. Alderman Shields made a motion to allow additional time for this property to be cleaned up until the first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Property PPIN #5992 located at 100 Oak Street and owned by Robert Tyes. Alderman Shields made a motion to allow additional time (until November 1, 2022) for this property to be cleaned up, which would be first Board meeting in November, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, Alderman Shields discussed the drainage in Glen Smith subdivision.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed Cedar Street.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed Meadowcreek Drive.

Next Alderman Hicks discussed Sam Grisham's water bill on West Chambers Drive. Alderman Hicks made a motion for the city to give an adjustment down to the average water bill, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed Neighborhood Watch.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Lindley requesting a motion to go into closed session to see if 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.

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

Back in open session, a motion was made by Alderman Lauderdale to increase Eric Knight's pay \$1.50 per hour, effective immediately. 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 the engineering services for The MCWI funds. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion for Cook Coggin to provide those services, 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 pay the Department of Revenue \$32.00 to pay tag fees for two (2) new Police vehicles. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the privilege license of Vault Wine & Liquor, LLC, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Paul Carpenter requested the city declare an emergency at the Sewer Treatment Plant and that he be allowed to spend up to \$50,000.00 to repair said problems, as half of the Sewer Treatment Plant was down. 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, the request by Mayor Lindley for a motion to strike and refund taxes for PPIN #1676. Further, that the Tax Collector void the 2018, 2019, and 2020 receipts for PPIN #1676 and that any tax sale for the same be voided and that refunds be issued to the purchaser of the same. The city was following suit on an action taken by the County in August 2021 as reflected in their minutes. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

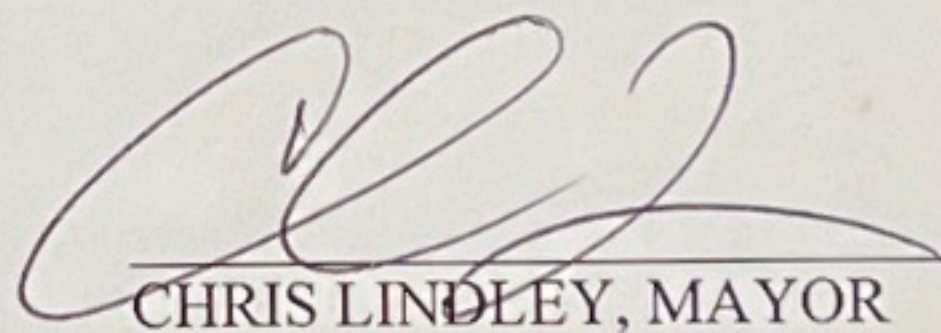
Next, Paul Carpenter requested that he be allowed to hire Dustin Bain as a Pipefitter at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective immediately and after he passes his drug screen and physical. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to move the meeting to be held on September 20, 2022, to September 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

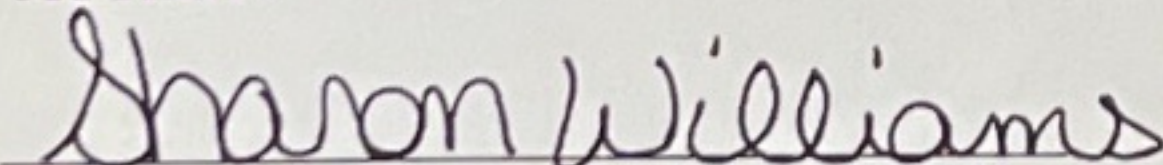
There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the City's millage rate at 38.15 mills. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested the Board approve a motion accepting the Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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