

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>ST</sup> meeting of February 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 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 John Caviness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by George Via.

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

- 1) ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL CARTER, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.
- 2) POST FOR ANIMAL CONTROL POSITION.
- 3) PURCHASE NEW STYLE OF AED'S FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Prior to considering the consent agenda, Alderman Hicks made a motion to remove item "B" under Public Property that being that Mary Alice Russell be able to address the Board, as this matter had already been resolved by the Board with a decision previously made. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and then 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 carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to let Ms. Russell speak. The motion received no second therefore died.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the following items on the

consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKET.
- 3) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS, LAVAILE SHIELDS, TARA LAUDERDALE, CAROLYN MILLER, JIMMY HICKS, AND CHRIS LINDLEY TO ATTEND FEMA ICS 402: INCIDENT COMMAND OVERVIEW FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN OXFORD ON APRIL 12, 2023. REGISTRATION IS \$25.00 EACH, \$17.00 EACH FOR MEALS, \$112.04 MILEAGE EACH (WILL DETERMINE WHO IS CARPOOLING AND MILEAGE WILL ONLY BE PAID TO THOSE DRIVING).
- 4) APPROVE NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR KATHERINE WARDLOW ALONG WITH A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 MADE PAYABLE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
- 5) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS TO ATTEND ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: HR ESSENTIALS FOR THE MUNICIPAL CLERK ON FEBRUARY 17, 2023. REGISTRATION \$60.00.
- 6) APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REFUND TO ROY AND DELILAH CHANDLER FOR PPIN 3436 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57.61 (REQUESTED BY BOB MADDOX).
- 7) APPROVE SCOTT CALDWELL FUEL REIMBURSEMENT OF \$10.00.
- 8) APPROVE LISA STENNETT & SHARON WILLIAMS TO ATTEND BASIC WORKMAN'S COMP WORKSHOP IN STARKVILLE, MS ON MARCH 2, 2023. REGISTRATION FREE, \$34.00 EACH FOR MEALS, LISA STENNETT \$125.32 FOR MILEAGE.
- 9) APPROVE LISA STENNETT & SHARON WILLIAMS TO ATTEND ADVANCED WORKMAN'S COMP WORKSHOP IN STARKVILLE, MS ON MARCH 28, 2023. REGISTRATION FREE, \$34.00 EACH FOR MEALS AND LISA STENNETT \$125.32 FOR MILEAGE.
- 10) APPROVE TO PAY CENTRAL ALABAMA TRAINING SOLUTIONS PAYMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,032.68, WHICH WILL BE THE LAST PAYMENT.
- 11) APPROVE TO PAY JAMES PAGE AND TREY SLATON \$126.00 EACH FOR MEALS WHILE TRAVELING FOR INMATE TRANSPORTATION.
- 12) APPROVE JERIUS MAXEY TO ATTEND MS FIRE SERVICE TRAINING IN GULFPORT, MS ON MARCH 7-10, 2023. REGISTRATION IS \$175.00, \$137.99 FOR MEALS, AND \$342.00 FOR LODGING.
- 13) APPROVE TO PAY GAS & WATER \$20,318.20 FROM THE ARPA ACCOUNT FOR THE WATER METER PROJECT.
- 14) APPROVE CREDIT APPLICATION FOR DIESEL POWER SOLUTIONS (GAS & WATER).
- 15) APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM PARADIGM ALLIANCE, INC. FOR THE 2023 FALL MAILING OF THE PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM AT A TOTAL COST OF \$3,491.60.
- 16) APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW STYLE OF AED'S FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Shields made said 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, Helen Davis discussing her son's property and for the City to look into acquiring some type of property to house the homeless.

There next came on for consideration, Christian Kennedy with Junior Auxiliary requesting the waiver of rental fees for the usage of the Booneville Hardware Building by their non-profit organization on March 25, 2023 and June 17, 2023. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve this once the organization's 501(C)(3) is received. Alderman Lauderdale seconded the motion, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, John Caviness came before the Board to discuss the Safe Haven Baby Box.

Next, under General Government, Sharon Williams requested approval of the disbursement of funds per HB 1427 to employees who were approved and completed the State requirements. A list of said employees is attached hereto. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, approval was requested for LaVaile Shields and Sharon Williams to sign loan documents at Farmers and Merchants Bank for the Police Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve the second pay request from Roberts Builders in the amount of \$122,236.50. 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 open and accept the lowest bid for property cleanup at PPIN #3116, located at 107 Marietta Street. Three (3) bids were received. The first was from Dependable Dozer Work in the amount of \$5,900.00. The second bid was from Koon Construction in the amount of \$4,700.00. The third bid was from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Service in the amount of \$4,950.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low bid of Koon Construction in the amount of \$4,700.00 to demolish the house and property cleanup at 107 Marietta Street. 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 concrete the bulb-out at Wells Fargo, at the intersection of West College Street and Market Street. 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, the public hearing for Booneville Investments, LLC to re-zone property PPIN #1400 from A-1 Agricultural to C-3 Highway Commercial. Several citizens spoke in opposition of the approval of the re-zoning. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to recess the hearing until a later time to allow the Board an opportunity to review blue prints of what was being built there (when those blue prints were updated). Said motion was 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 by Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department for approval of the resolution for painting of the trim and porch area at the Depot in the amount of \$1,950.00, to be paid out of the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had previously approved said resolution. 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 by Lori Tucker for approval of the resolution for the Miss Hospitality Competition in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid out of the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had previously approved said resolution. 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 Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department for approval of the resolution for purchasing advertisements for local and visitors guide, in the amount of \$1,500.00, to be paid out of the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had previously approved said resolution. 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 by Lori Tucker with the Tourism

Department for approval of the resolution for the deposit to hold Carriage Ride dates in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid out of the Tourism Fund. The Tourism Board had previously approved said resolution. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department with a request for approval to promote Connor Ivy to a part-time employee at the rate of \$11.00 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.

There next came on for consideration, a request by Jon Hill for approval to hire Jason Hall as a full-time employee at the rate of \$13.10 per hour, effective immediately and upon passing drug screen. 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 by Jon Hill for approval of the resolution for Kids Town Restroom Renovations from the Park Tourism Account in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Park Board had previously approved said resolution. 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 by Jon Hill for approval of the resolution for 14U Baseball Dugouts from the Park Tourism Account in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Park Board had previously approved said resolution. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Shawn Presley as a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$12.45 per hour, effective February 9, 2023, pending drug screening. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Matthew Brown as a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$12.45 per hour, effective February 10, 2023, pending drug screening. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to promote Lacy Hill as Lead Clerk at the rate of \$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.

There next came on for consideration, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office discussing billing for Gas & Water. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 discuss/approve the Honeycutt and Finamart Sewer Lift Stations. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. 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, Paul Carpenter requesting approval to discuss/approve the Church Street Sewer Project. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 discuss/approve the Bryant's Crossing Sewer Problem. No action was taken.

There next came on for consideration, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to discuss/approve the Adam Street Sewer Project. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to discuss/approve the monthly water rates. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to discuss/approve the footage prices per service. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 discuss/approve the horizontal direction drilling ordinance. This had been given to the Board at a prior meeting for consideration. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 post for a Pipe Fitter at the rate of \$14.00 per hour based on experience. 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 for classes. Alderman Hicks made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 declare surplus the boring machine. Alderman Miller 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Drew Copeland as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screening. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Deandra Poole as a part-time Patrol Officer/part-time Code Enforcement Officer at the rate of \$16.50 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screening. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval of the 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreement with NMNU and the City Police Department. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting the discussion/approval of streets. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Hicks made a request to obtain quotes for the Police Station Phase I Security System, seconded by Alderman Miller, and to have a Special Called meeting on this issue. With the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian with the Information Technology Department, requesting approval of the CSpire Cellular Plan at the State Contract price of \$1,500.00 per month. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Hicks discussed the Feasibility Study. He made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Miller discussed the paving of the Booneville Cemetery. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Miller discussed the yellow lines by the Swift Factory. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This



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

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve changing out the streetlights on Third Street to LED lights for \$260.00. 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 Williams requested discussion and approval of bricking the sign at the Eastside Community Center. 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 Williams requested discussion and approval of paving the parking lot of the Eastside Community Center. 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 to approve two (2) light poles and streetlights with landowner's approval at Beckley Chapel Cemetery 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.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the appointment of a Booneville School Board member. Said election was held by ballot. Each Board member voted, signed the ballot and turned it in, which was read in the open meeting to the general public. With that, the following vote for appointment was had:

Alderman Hicks—Pat Green  
 Alderman Miller—Pat Green  
 Alderman Lauderdale—Tyler Allen  
 Alderman Shields—Tyler Allen  
 Alderman Williams—Dee Jenkins  
 With the tie vote, there was a run-off between Pat Green and Tyler Allen.

Again, ballots were handed out to each Alderman with the two (2) names on the ballot. Each Board member voted, signed the ballot and turned it in, which was read in the open meeting to the general public. With that, the following vote for appointment was had:

Alderman Hicks—Pat Green  
 Alderman Miller—Pat Green

Alderman Lauderdale—Pat Green  
Alderman Shields—Tyler Allen  
Alderman Williams—Tyler Allen

With three (3) votes, Pat Green won the appointment of the Booneville School Board position.

There next came on for consideration, the request to include the title of Deputy Clerk to Lisa Stennett's title for purposes of obtaining education. 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, the request to accept the resignation of Michael Carter as the Animal Control Officer. 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 post for the position of the Animal Control Officer. 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 motion by Alderman Hicks, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, to have a work session on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m., to discuss all of the items that were tabled on this agenda. With the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lindley announced that there would be a Special Called meeting at 11:30 a.m. on February 8, 2023.

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

Back in open session, Alderman Shields made a motion to increase Billy Joe Bridges' rate of pay to \$17.00 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 was made to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a potential litigation. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

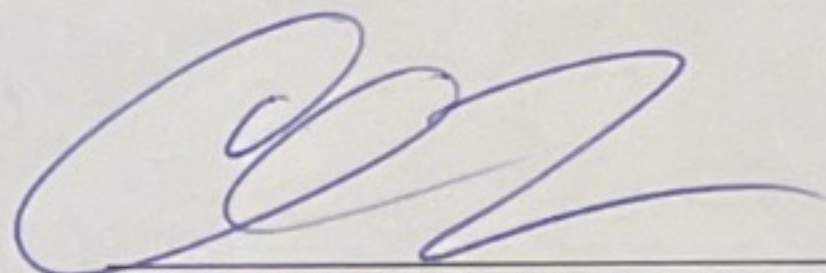
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Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

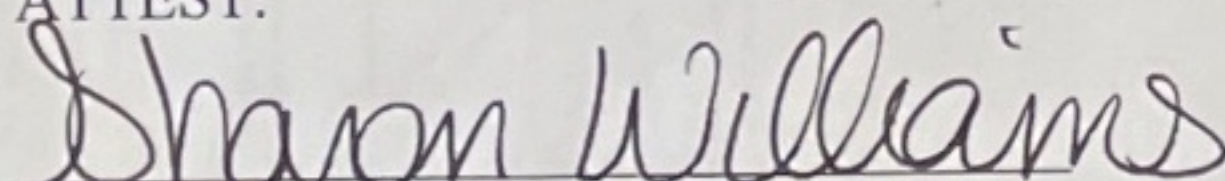
There next came on for consideration, the request to reconsider reinstating the Mayor to full pay. Alderman Shields made a motion to reinstate his full pay effective immediately, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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