

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

MARCH 7, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of March 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 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 Mark Tapp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rusty Frasier.

Prior to the beginning of the Board meeting, a presentation was held by Miss Hospitality 2023 Abby Pitts presenting her Little Miss Hospitality Mary Mathis Frasier. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen congratulated both Abby Pitts and Mary Mathis Frasier on their Miss Hospitality achievement.

There first came on for consideration, the request to add to the consent agenda the issue of taxes on the 107 Marietta Street property. There were outstanding taxes owed on that property that the City would have to pay, if they accepted the property. Alderman Hicks made the motion to accept the property and for the city to pay the outstanding taxes, 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 approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2023, AND THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKET.

- 3) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE LORI TUCKER FOR ONE MEAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17.20, FOR HER TRAINING IN CLEVELAND.
- 4) APPROVE TO PAY WEBSTER ELECTRIC CO., LLC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A POLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,858.81.
- 5) APPROVE TO PAY L&E PROPERTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310.63 FOR PPIN 6886 REDEEMED ON 12/31/2020.
- 6) APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION LETTER OF DEUNDRA POOLE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- 7) APPROVE TO PAY THE MS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THE EXCESS \$1,000.00 FROM THE PREMIUM PAY HB 1427.
- 8) APPROVE LISA STENNETT, OSCAR JOSHLIN, PAUL CARPENTER, AND CHRIS LINDLEY TO ATTEND THE MISSISSIPPI NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA JULY 12-14, 2023, WITH LODGING TOTALING \$2,948.60, REGISTRATION TOTALING \$1,800.00, AND MEALS TOTALING \$708.00.
- 9) APPROVE TO PAY BOONEVILLE GAS FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE MAYOR'S HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN ORANGE BEACH, AL RETROACTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$378.35.
- 10) APPROVE LISA STENNETT TO ATTEND THE 2023 SPRING MUNICIPAL CLERK PROGRAM IN OXFORD, MS APRIL 12-14, 2023, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$176.98 FOR MEALS, \$598.41 FOR LODGING, AND \$200.00 FOR REGISTRATION.
- 11) APPROVE FOR FULL-TIME PARK EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE MS RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION FIELD MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP IN OXFORD, MS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$180.00 FOR REGISTRATION.

Alderman Williams 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, Emily Phifer with New Lebanon FWB Church requesting approval to host a Color Run at the City Park on March 25, 2023, to raise money for missions. 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, Jerry Crockett requesting discussion/approval of the expansion of the Natural Gas Line in the Blackland Community. Discussion was had, but no action taken.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requested approval to accept the lowest and best bid from Castrol for \$49.99 for Full-Service Synthetic Oil Change with 5 quarts and \$6.50 for each additional quart for #16A. This was the only bid received. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to accept the lowest and best bid from Castrol for \$44.99 Full-Service Oil Change with 5 quarts and \$4.50 for each additional quart for #15A. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval for ARPA Funds for Tourism Project for Phase 1 of the Depo project, to be accepted with the budget and site plan as presented. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to add the approval of Phase 2 of the Depot Project to the Agenda. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve Phase 2 of the Depot Project, to be accepted with the budget and site plan as presented. 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, Charles Sanders with the Public Property Department requesting approval to demolish or clean up each of the below listed properties. Hearings had been previously held on each of these properties and no substantial progress had been made on said clean up. Further at said hearings, a statement by Public Property Department head, Charles Sanders was taken by affidavit, and he declared each of these properties in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, safety, and Welfare of the community. As required by Statute, notices of said hearing had been mailed out to the actual property address, mailed to the person and address listed on the last tax roll, notice placed on the property itself, at city hall and the Prentiss County Courthouse. A copy of the notice is attached hereto, for the purpose of having a copy in the minutes.

First property PPIN #5302 (301 Park Street). A motion was made by Alderman Lauderdale to give the original owner 60 days (2 months) to restore the property, and that the Board would address this again at the first Board meeting in May (May 2, 2023). The motion was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Charles Sanders made a request concerning PPIN #2379 (508 Jacinto Road) to take the property off the clean-up list as the property had been demolished and the lot cleaned up. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to take bids to demolish and cleanup property with PPIN #6270 (402 West Church Street). Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to take bids to demolish and cleanup the property with PPIN #5992 (100 Oak Street). Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to take bids to demolish and cleanup property with PPIN #18684 (608 College 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval of a resolution to purchase an A/C Unit for the Kid's Town Restrooms in the amount of \$8,000.00 from the Tourism Account. This resolution had already been approved by the Park Board. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to hire Jackie Smith as Office Clerk at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective immediately and pending drug screen. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to receive quotes to run a gas line to CR 5290 in Marietta. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue to a work session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to charge per foot to run gas services after supplying

the citizen with up to 300 feet. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this issue to a work session, 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 Water & Sewer requesting approval to charge per foot to run water services after supplying the citizen with up to 25 feet. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this issue to a work session, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 approval to hire Hugh Harris as a Seasonal 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.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to apply for a CAP Loan, up to 1.25 million dollars. This would be for the Church Street Sewer Project. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

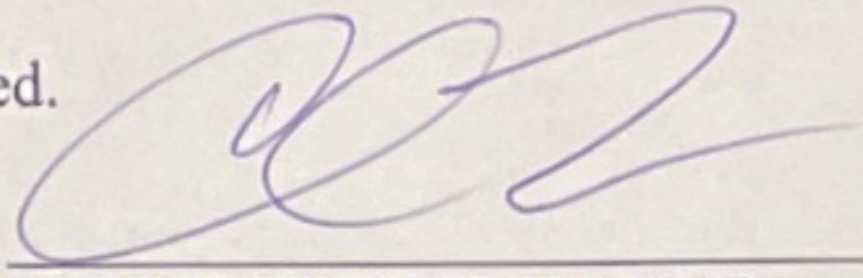
There next came on for consideration, a request to call for a Work Session to be held on March 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request was made to amend the motion concerning the rate increases to include all residential meters 5/8 and up. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. A list of all rate increases is attached to these minutes.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the City paying outstanding taxes on the 107 Marietta Street property. Alderman Shields made said motion, 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 Shields 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
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

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