

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

APRIL 4, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of April 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, April 4, 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 Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Mark Cartwright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Lamb.

There first came on for consideration, the request to ~~approve~~^{the} following items to the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKETS.
- 3) APPROVE TO PAY ARCHITECTURE SOUTH \$7,089.89 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLEX.
- 4) APPROVE TO PAY ROBERT'S BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$262,913.45 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN #271340 AT FMBANK.
- 5) APPROVE MICAH POSEY, SHAWN PRESLEY, AND MATTHEW BROWN TO TAKE THE MSTAT TEST APRIL 5, 2023, TESTING IS \$20.00 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$60.00.
- 6) APPROVE TO PAY THE PEOPLE'S BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,534.38 FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BOND.
- 7) APPROVE TO REFUND KATHY EDGE \$127.35 FOR OVERPAYMENT ON CITY TAXES FOR PPIN #1694.
- 8) APPROVE TO REFUND DEBORAH HARRIS \$228.66 FOR OVERPAYMENT ON CITY TAXES FOR PPIN #13989.
- 9) APPROVE TO REFUND KEN GOODWIN \$286.13 FOR OVERPAYMENT ON CITY TAXES FOR PPIN #14290.
- 10) APPROVE TO REFUND SHANTAY WILLIAMS \$10.70 FOR THE DRY CLEANING OF THE JUDGE'S ROBE.
- 11) APPROVE TO PAY \$400.00 TO DAVID MOORE AS THE CITY ENGINEER (USUALLY ON DOCKET).

12) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS & LISA STENNETT TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RESOURCES CONFERENCE IN FLOWOOD, MS APRIL 16-19, 2023. SHARON—MEALS \$184.00, REGISTRATION \$819.84, REGISTRATION \$375.00—TOTAL \$1,378.84. LISA— MEALS \$184.00, REGISTRATION \$819.84, REGISTRATION \$375.00, MILEAGE \$286.89—TOTAL \$1,665.73.

Alderman Hicks 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, a motion to add to the consent agenda an item brought by City Clerk Sharon Williams concerning potential litigation. Alderman Miller made a motion to add this to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Gaston Baptist Church requesting the approval to allow them to have a Field Day at Swift Park on April 8, 2023. 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, Linda Leathers requesting a fence be put up at Spain Trailer Park, by the owner. No action was taken.

There next came for consideration, Alderman Williams with a motion to allow Billy Barnes to put the sewer & water lines in himself at his expense, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jim Lamb with the Lion’s Club announcing that on May 4, 2023, at the Booneville Hardware Building the Club would be celebrating its 75th by hosting a Lion’s Club Banquet. All were invited to attend, there would be tickets sold for a meal.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requested approval to accept payment for Community Center rentals at City Hall. Alderman Miller 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 for the approval of the Buildings Rental Application and the Building Rental Rules. 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 for approval for outsourcing and updating the Employee Handbook. 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 for approval to accept quotes on agenda management software. 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 for approval to retroactively waive fees for the Kiwanis Club's use of the Booneville Hardware Building on March 31, 2023. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under Public Property, Charles Sanders requested approval to accept the lowest and best bid for property cleanup for PPIN #5992 (100 Oak Street). Two bids were received. One bid was from Koon Construction for \$1,800.00. The second bid was from Dependable Dozer for \$1,500.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Dependable Dozer, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to accept the lowest and best bid for demolition and property cleanup for PPIN #18684 (608 West College Street). Two bids were received. One bid was from Koon Construction for \$6,800.00. The second bid was from Dependable Dozer for \$6,500.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Dependable Dozer, 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 with the Tourism Department requesting approval to use the Booneville Hardware Building on April 16, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will also be a parade and celebration of both Booneville Basketball teams and teams will be fed. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to dedicate the Softball Field House in honor of Paul Goldman and to be named the Paul Goldman Field House. 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 hire Seasonal and Part-time employees for Summer Park League. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting discussion/approval of Marietta Gas Line Project estimates. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and then the following vote was had:

Alderman Hicks—Aye
 Alderman Lauderdale—Nay
 Alderman Miller—Nay
 Alderman Shields—Nay
 Alderman Williams—Aye

With a vote of 3 against and 2 for, the motion failed.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter to a work session, 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 to give Shelton Oaks a .50 cent raise (\$16.70-\$17.20) after graduating from the Police Academy effective April 8, 2023. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to hire Roberto Grizzard as a Part-time employee at the 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.

There next came on for consideration the request made by Charles Tennison to be have his vacation time he was to accrue, after being rehired by the City (based on years' service), to accrue at the same rate that he was entitled to, when he left city employment. Alderman

Williams made a motion not to allow this, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Miller requested discussion of the Wayne Michael Field parking lot lights. Jon Hill confirmed that the lights are up.

Next, Aldermen Williams requested more storm shelters.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, a request was made for approval to receive quotes to repair a drainage ditch on East Lake Street. Alderman Shields 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 discuss/approve the garbage/rubbish pickup update. No action was taken.

Next, the following announcements were made:

- 1) Congratulations to Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Ward 3 on his upcoming graduation in June at MML.
- 2) For updates and to stay informed, please visit our Facebook pages, join us for meetings, check the newspaper, etc.
- 3) Hospitality Arts Festival will be April 22, 2023.
- 4) Classic Cruise is scheduled for April 22, 2023.
- 5) Meet Us At the Depot will be April 15, 2023.
- 6) Thank you to Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department.

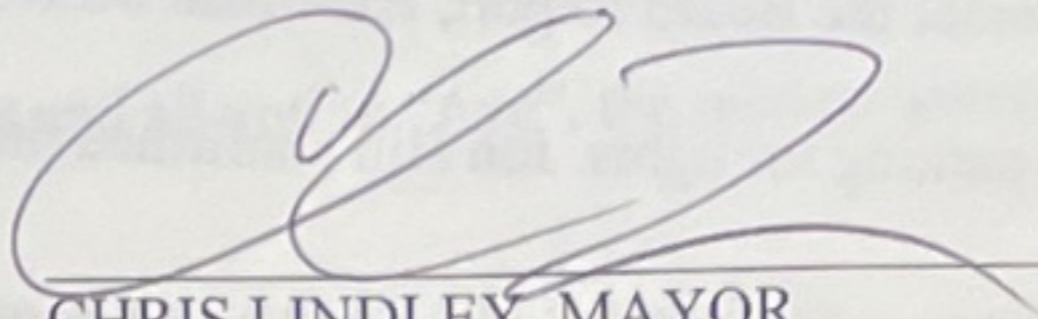
There next came on for consideration, a request was made to go into closed session, to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

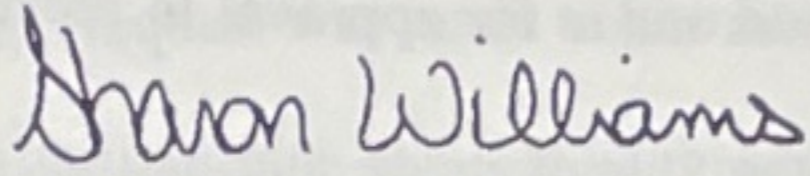
There next came on for consideration, a request was made to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request was made to go back into open session. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman Shields made a motion to seek quotes for internet services. This was 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 Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK