

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

July 18, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of July 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, July 18, 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 James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brant Sappington.

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

- 1) REMOVE ITEM B FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.
- 2) BOONEVILLE/BALDWYN AIRPORT.
- 3) RESIGNATION OF KALEB ADAIR.
- 4) POST FOR POLICE OFFICER.
- 5) TITLE ABSTRACT FOR POST OFFICE AND KFC PROPERTY.
- 6) PHASE II MDOT DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PAPERWORK.
- 7) CLOSED SESSION FOR PENDING LITIGATION.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve to add the items to 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 approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2023.

- 2) APPROVE SHELTON OAKS' RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE JULY 17, 2023.
- 3) APPROVE HANNAH YARBROUGH AS AN ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER.
- 4) APPROVE PAISLEY FLOYD AS AN ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEER.
- 5) APPROVE TO PAY CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191.00.
- 6) APPROVE TO PAY G&O SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,510.08.
- 7) APPROVE CODY HORN'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE JUNE 14, 2023.
- 8) APPROVE TO PAY TY WEATHERBEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$837.21
RETROACTIVE FOR INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT THAT WAS A PAYROLL DEDUCTION.
- 9) APPROVE TO PAY FMBANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,905.08 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLEX LOAD PAYMENT (INTEREST ONLY).
- 10) APPROVE TO PAY WG CONSTRUCTION FOR PAVING SUNFLOWER PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,607.60.
- 11) APPROVE TO PAY MOORE ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. FOR PAVING SUNFLOWER PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$730.00.

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.

There next came on for consideration, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Lighting for the Downtown Alley Project in the amount of \$4,950.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. 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 of a resolution for Advertising and Marketing in the amount of \$4,500.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. Alderman Shields 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 for approval to hire Deborah Tubb as a Part-time employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective September 1, 2023. 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 amend the minutes on August 2, 2022 for the Ladies Open House Resolution to match the minutes of the Main Street Board \$3,500.00.

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 requesting the approval of the retirement of Ty Weatherbee, effective June 30, 2023. Alderman Shields 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 for approval to post for a Battalion Chief in 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.

Next, a request was made for approval to post for a Captain in the Fire Department. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to post for a Lieutenant in the Fire Department. 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 for approval to post for a Sergeant in the Fire Department. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid from E. Daniels for a leak survey. This was the only

bid received. Alderman Williams made a motion to reject the bid from E. Daniels and to re-advertise. This was 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 purchase Gas Calculation Software that will calculate gas loss. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to accept the lowest and best quote for the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Durango Police Package. Two (2) bids were received. The first quote was from Cannon Motors of MS in the amount of \$39,615.00. The second quote was from Landers in the amount of \$40,277.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Cannon Motors of MS in the amount of \$39,615.00. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best quote for striping on East Church Street, George E. Allen Drive, and Jim Drewry Drive. Two (2) quotes were received. The first quote was from J.C. Cheek Contractors in the amount of \$72,536.00. The second quote was from Riverside in the amount of \$53,756.00. Alderman Hicks made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Riverside in the amount of \$53,756.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, it was requested by Alderman Shields that the following items be discussed at a work session: update on budget process, update on current budget, and connect fees.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to purchase a full-page Ad in the Banner Independent for the Girls' Softball Team in the amount of \$650.00. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Shields 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 call for a work session on July 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, City Attorney Daniel Tucker requested approval to see if outsourcing of the sales of natural gas at the natural gas station, would be allowed. 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 for approval for the mayor to sign documents for the Booneville/Baldwyn Airport. 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 to accept the resignation of Kaleb Adair. 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 for approval to post for a Police Officer. 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 for approval for City Attorney Daniel Tucker to work on obtaining Title Abstracts for the Post Office and KFC properties as part of the Northeast project. This was requested by Cook Cogging engineers. This would be at his normal hourly rate and he would have to seek the assistance of Miriam Beard to help with the title work. 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 for approval for City Attorney Daniel Tucker to work on Title work for obtaining Temporary Construction Easements and Right of Ways as part of Phase II MDOT Downtown Improvement paperwork. This was requested by Cook Cogging engineers. This would be at his normal hourly rate, and he would have to seek the assistance of Miriam Beard to help with the title work. 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 to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Shields made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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.

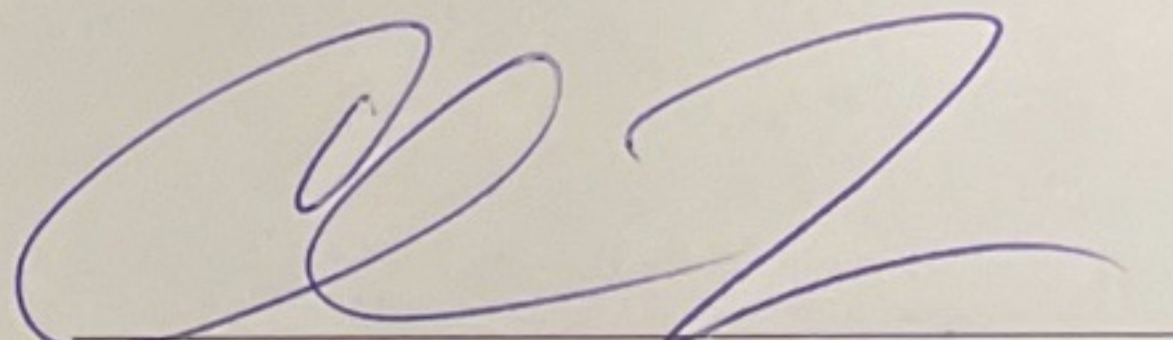
There next came on for consideration, a request to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in General Government. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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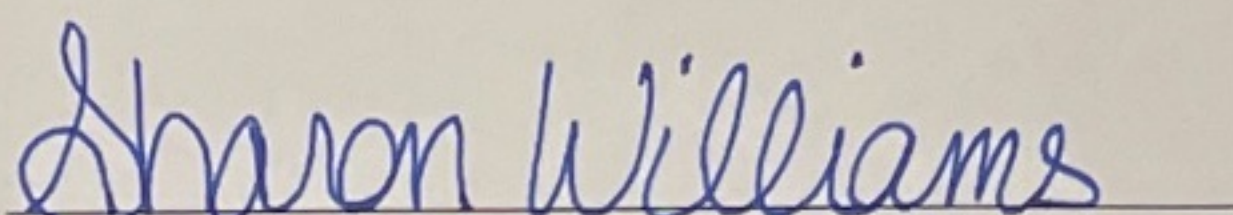
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With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK