

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

June 20, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of June 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 20, 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: Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Mayor Chris Lindley was unable to attend due to a family emergency, so Alderman LaVaile Shields acted as Mayor Pro Tem. 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 Pro Tem Shields, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Lauderdale.

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

- 1) JOHN HARGRAVES BROWNFIELD GRANT.
- 2) FAMILY DOLLAR/DOLLAR TREE SEWER ISSUE.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve to add the items to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next there came on for discussion, John Hargraves discussing the Brownfields grant that the City of Booneville had been approved for.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve for the City of Booneville to pay ½ of the expenses (up to a maximum of \$20,000.00) to Hold 2023, for the relocation of the sewer service at the new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree property. Alderman Lauderdale made said

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

There next came for consideration, a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2023, WORK SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2023, AND SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES OF JUNE 12, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE TO PAY ROSENDO ROJAS RETROACTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00.
- 3) APPROVE TO PAY CORNERSTONE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,879.00.
- 4) APPROVE TO PAY FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK LOAN PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,817.33.
- 5) APPROVE MML TRAVEL VOUCHERS FOR: CHRIS LINDLEY (\$2,307.38); SHARON WILLIAMS (\$2,356.26); CANDRICE WILLIAMS (\$2,020.26); COURTNEY MOORE (\$2,356.26); LORI TUCKER (\$2,356.26); MICHAEL RAMEY (\$1,882.96); LAVAILE SHIELDS (\$2,356.26); TARA LAUDERDALE (\$2,356.26); JIMMY HICKS (\$1,786.00); DANIEL TUCKER (\$1,334.04); JEFF WILLIAMS (\$1,334.04).
- 6) APPROVE TO PAY CORNERSTONE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,525.00
- 7) APPROVE TO PAY CORNERSTONE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,329.00
- 8) APPROVE TO PAY UNIFIRST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$820.74 FOR DELINQUENT BILLS.
- 9) APPROVE TO PAY JUMPER OIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,600.02 RETROACTIVELY.

10) APPROVE TO PAY ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60.00.

11) APPROVE TO PAY 3 ATHENIAN DIALOGUES VIRTUALLY ON JULY 26TH, AUGUST 10TH & 17TH, AND SEPTEMBER 20TH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 PER DIALOGUE PLUS PURCHASE OF EACH BOOK FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION THROUGH IIMC FOR SHARON WILLIAMS.

12) APPROVE IIMC MEMBERSHIP FOR COURTNEY MOORE TO BE PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$210.00.

Alderman Hicks made a 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.

Next, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requested approval of ARPA expenditures for AMR meters to be increased to \$603,000.00 retroactive to April 2023. Alderman Williams 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 for expenditure increase for AMR meters from ARPA funds in the amount of \$70,000.00. 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 for Todd Butler to review and update the current City Employee Handbook up to \$5,000.00. 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 for approval to prepay Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance. 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 prepay CSpire for internet, cell phone and NCIC. 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 for approval of a resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Williams-Sonoma, Inc./Sutter Street Manufacturing in the amount of \$195,180.00 for a period of 10 years. 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 the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Plumrose USA, Inc. in the amount of \$5,784,862.54 for a period of ten (10) years. Alderman Miller 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 of a resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Pro Via, LLC in the amount of \$4,165,562.00 for a period of 10 years. 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 for approval of clarification for payment of taxes on 107 Marietta Street property. The taxes to be paid were as follows; 2020 - \$4,417.71, 2021 - \$1,359.35 and 2022 - \$1,020.18. Alderman Williams made the motion to pay said taxes, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of CESF grant and for Mayor to sign documents. Alderman Lauderdale 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 for Sharon Williams as the e-verify MOU signee. Alderman Williams 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 set up a separate set of expenditures for elected officials in the upcoming budget. Alderman Lauderdale 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 collect all cell phones used under the AT&T contract. Alderman Lauderdale 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 re-visit fuel bids. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to leave the bid with Jumper Oil, 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 receive quotes for flooring in City Hall. 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, Charles Sanders with Public Property requesting approval to make the Public Library doors handicap accessible for \$4,850.00. 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 of a resolution to honor Asya Branch and the unveiling of a mural in the amount of \$1,500.00. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the tourism fund. Alderman Miller 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 of a sound system for movie nights in the amount of \$800.00. 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 repair to the Cunningham House (windows & railing) in the amount of \$2,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the tourism fund. Alderman Hicks

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 of a resolution for local ads in the amount of \$1,000.00. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. 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 to hire Maria Jenkins as a part-time/seasonal employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Hicks 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 of the adoption of City logos and branding. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a discussion was had regarding names for appointment to the Planning Commission.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Department requesting approval to purchase two (2) mobile radios at the total cost of \$4,739.76. These will be purchased with money from HB 1353. 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 for consideration, under the Gas & Water Office, a request for approval to receive quotes for installation of pumps for Honeycutt Sewer Lift Station. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 Kalob Adair as a Full-Time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Miller 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval to receive quotes to repair a drainage ditch at New Way Trucks. 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 repairing the wash out at Old Ford Dealership. No action was taken.

Next, a request was made for approval to repair sink holes at 103 Penny Lane. Repair in the new budget year. The estimated cost would be \$70,000.00-75,000.00. 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 for approval to fix the culvert at 409 George E. Allen Drive. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. Alderman Hicks recused himself from the vote.

Next, discussion was had regarding a drainage issue at Denny Richardson's property. No action was taken.

Next, a request was made to reshape a ditch to address a drainage issue at Rickey Hannon's property at 102 Cedarwood Cove. Alderman Hicks 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 address a drainage issue at Courtney Denton's property at 102 Foster Park. No action was taken.

Next, a request was made to receive quotes to repair culvert and box at Jon Hill's property at 501 Adams 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 receive quotes to repair a drainage issue at Booneville High School Vo-Tech in next year's budget. 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, James McChristian with the IT department requesting approval for #1 Server Network & Security Firewall Equipment in the amount of \$4,191.36. 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 for #2 Server Room Locker Room Storage Locker in the amount of \$2,539.30. Alderman Miller 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 for #3 Server Room Battery Backup & Surge Protector in the amount of \$2,886.06. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, a request was made for Sharon Williams to learn budget preparations and be included in all meetings. 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 bring in a nice premanufactured building to use as the Sunflower Museum. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, a request was made for approval of a ¼ page graduation ad to Prentiss County Progress in the amount of \$200 retroactive to May 30, 2023. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. 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 to purchase a 2023 Booneville High School football program ad in the amount of \$175.00 for a full-page ad. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Hicks 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 of a change order request for police department generators. 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 approve the MCWI Grant #496. Alderman Miller 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 the MCWI Grant #525. 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 reappoint Sharon Williams as City Clerk. 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 to reappoint Michael Ramey as Police Chief. Alderman Miller 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 reappoint Bobby Agnew as Fire Chief. 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 reappoint Charles Sanders as Public Property Manager/Building Inspector. 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 to reappoint Kenny White as Street Department Manager. Alderman Hicks 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 to reappoint Jon Hill as Park Director. 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 reappoint Lori Tucker as Tourism Director. Alderman Miller 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 reappoint James McChristian as IT Manager. 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 reappoint Lisa Stennett as Gas & Water Office Manager. Alderman Miller 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 reappoint Paul Carpenter as Water/Sewer Manager. 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 to reappoint Oscar Joshlin as Gas Manager. 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 reappoint Daniel Tucker as City Attorney. 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, a request to reappoint Greg Meyers as Municipal Judge. 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 to reappoint Lisa Koon as Public Defender. 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 reappoint David Moore as City Engineer. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was stated that due to the 4th of July falling on the 1st Tuesday, the July board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval to add a clause to the Sick Leave Policy that states if a department head believes that sick time is being abused, the department head can request a doctor's statement from the employee at any time that they take sick leave. 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 for approval to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in the Police Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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.

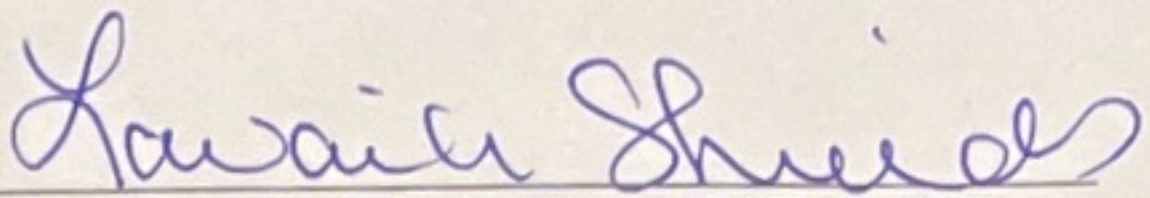
Back in open session, a recommendation was made by Police Chief Michael Ramey to terminate Officer Austin Kidd, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a recommendation was made by Police Chief Michael Ramey to terminate Officer D.J. Wilkerson, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

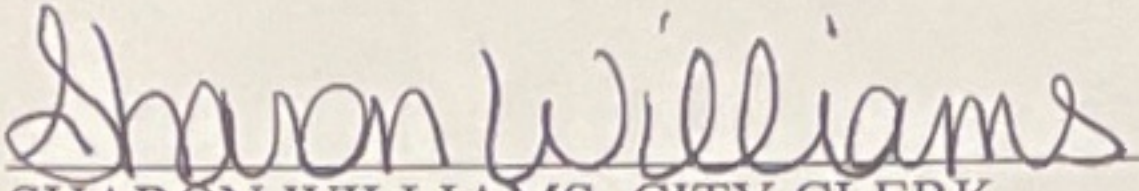
Next, a recommendation was made by Police Chief Michael Ramey to demote Officer Briley Strickland from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Officer and to cut his pay to Patrol pay, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


LaVAILE SHIELDS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK