

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

June 6, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of June 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 6, 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, 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 Lori Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Johnny Caviness.

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

- 1) GAS AND WATER PORTION OF WORKERS COMP PAYMENT \$620.36.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve to add the item to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all 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 MAY 16, 2023, AND THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKETS.
- 3) APPROVE THE CARLEY VICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR BOONEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FROM THE DARE FUND.
- 4) APPROVE CHRIS LINDLEY & LAVAILE SHIELDS TO ATTEND MISSISSIPPI RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION ADVANCED BOARD TRAINING IN TUPELO,

MS, ON OCTOBER 26, 2023. REGISTRATION FOR CHRIS LINDLEY \$25.00;
REGISTRATION FOR LAVAILE SHIELDS \$25.00 PLUS MILEAGE FOR LAVAILE
SHIELDS \$40.48 (TOTAL \$65.48).

- 5) ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KENNETH EDMONDS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AS OF MAY 31, 2023.
- 6) APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO DERRICK LEATHERWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37.44 FROM TSC FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPLIES.
- 7) APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO DERRICK LEATHERWOOD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27.80 FROM TSC FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPLIES.
- 8) APPROVE INVOICE NUMBER 22016PPA#3CA FROM ARCHITECTURE SOUTH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,289.07 FOR PHASE I.
- 9) APPROVE TO PAY ROBERTS BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT CERTIFIED OF \$193,619.50 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLEX FROM THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN AT FMBANK.
- 10) APPROVE BRYON PARKER TO ATTEND DARE INSERVICE TRAINING IN GULFPORT, MS JULY 18-21, 2023, REGISTRATION-\$99.00, LODGING-\$507.00, MEALS-\$138.00, TOTAL: \$744.00 (HE WILL USE A CITY VEHICLE).
- 11) APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO LORI TUCKER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180.00 FOR 3 TICKETS FOR MMSA AWARDS.
- 12) APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO WJOHNSON RD LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73.38 FOR A TAX REDEMPTION ON PPIN 1606 FOR TAX YEAR 2021.
- 13) APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO NORTH AMERICA PIPE CORP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,663.39 FOR OVERPAYMENT OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ON PPIN 1366 FOR TAX YEAR 2022.
- 14) APPROVE TO REFUND COUNTY LINE DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11.38.
- 15) APPROVE TO REFUND M&R FARMS OF MERIDIAN, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11.30.

16) APPROVE TO REFUND CLAY HILL FARMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.07.

17) APPROVE TO REFUND CLAY HILL FARMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48.46.

18) APPROVE TO REFUND COUNTY LINE DESCENDANTS ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48.12.

19) APPROVE TO REFUND COUNTY TAXES ON 107 MARIETTA STREET.

20) GAS AND WATER PORTION OF WORKERS COMP PAYMENT \$620.36.

Alderman Williams 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, Rochelle Jenkins with a request for approval of waiving the rental fee of the Old Hardware Building as well as blocking off the street for a community outreach event to be held on July 14, 2023, for Church of the Crossroads/His Compassionate Touch small groups. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Johnny Caviness gave an update on the Safe Haven Baby Box. The State law passed.

Next, under General Government, Deputy Clerk Courtney Moore requested approval to open a new Tractor Supply account with Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore on the account. Alderman Lauderdale 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 approval to open an account with IIMC Windfall Affinity Program (free of charge). 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 of the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Marathon Cheese Corporation in the amount of \$319,900.00. 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 the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for West Lake Pipe & Fitting Corporation (AKA North American Pipe Corporation) in the amount of \$197,994.00. 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 of a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Lilly Girl, Inc. dba Girlie Girl Originals in the amount of \$152,927.00 for 2022-2032. 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 of a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Scranton Manufacturing Co. Inc. dba New Way Trucks in the amount of \$3,394,912.79 for 2022-2032. 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 of a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Caterpillar, Inc. in the amount of \$86,941.75. 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 accept the low and best bid for Top Dressing Sand. There were two (2) bids received. One bid was from Booneville Trucking at \$6.25 per yard or \$100.00 for 17 yards. The second bid was from Ricky Thompson at \$100.00 for 12.5 yards. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the low and best bid from Booneville Trucking at \$6.25 per yard or \$100.00 for 17 yards, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Charles Sanders with Public Property with a request to accept the low and best bid for demolition of the house at 301 Park Street. One bid was received from Dependable Dozer Work in the amount of \$2,750.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the bid from Dependable Dozer Work in the amount of \$2,750.00, 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 variance to allow a Cell Tower in C3 Zone. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval to advertise for a Part-time/Seasonal Employee. 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 approval of travel and mileage for Lori Tucker to attend the Miss Mississippi Pageant July 14-15, 2023, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The cost will include: Ticket-\$30.00; Mileage-548 miles at \$0.655 per mile for a total of \$354.98; Lodging-2 nights for a total \$550.00; and Meals-\$46.00 per day for a total \$92.00. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to receive bids for a Multicourt at Sunflower Park. 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 hire DaJa Beene as a Part-time Umpire at the rate of \$35.00 per game, 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Jesse Arnold as a Full-time Fire Fighter as FF1 at the rate of \$12.95 per hour, effective June 9, 2023. Alderman Williams 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, under the Gas & Water Office, a request for approval to receive quotes for installation of pumps for Honeycutt Sewer Lift Station. 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 for approval to purchase a Neptune MRX 920 from Consolidated Pipe (Sole Source) for \$8,500.00. 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 declare a surplus in the Water Department in the amount of \$28,475.00 to reimburse the City for Obligation Bond Payment. 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, under the Gas Department, Oscar Joshlin requesting approval to receive bids for the Annual Leak Survey. 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, under the Police Department, a request for approval to hire Anissa Perkerson as a Night Dispatcher at the rate of \$14.00 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, under the Street Department, Kenny White requesting approval to clean/replace ditches & culverts. Alderman Shields made a motion to table all discussion regarding ditches & culverts, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, under the Board Report, a request for approval of the Juneteenth Celebration From 1865 To Now on June 25, 2023. Alderman Lauderdale 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, under the Mayor's Report, a request for approval of Mayor Chris Lindley as the voting delegate at MML and Alderman LaVaile Shields as the alternate voting delegate. 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 discuss Architecture South Phase II of the Fred's Building.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to declare a work session for Monday, June 12, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. 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 for approval to reappoint all department heads and professional services. Alderman Shields made a motion to table all reappointments, 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 to go into closed session to discuss possible litigation. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 Shields, 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, a motion was made to release the lien on Meadowcreek property pending City receiving releases. 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 for approval to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in General Government. 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 Williams, 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 stated that no action was taken.

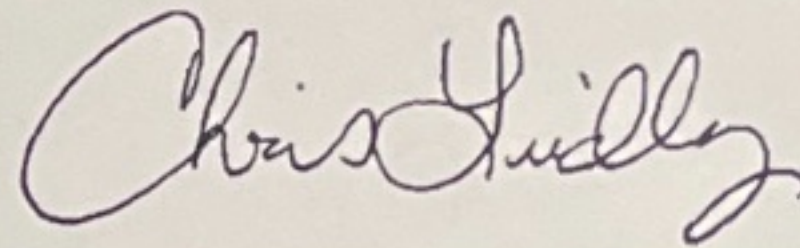
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With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



COURTNEY MOORE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK