

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

MARCH 21, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of March 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 21, 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, Alderman LaVaile Shields acting as Mayor Pro Tem, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Mayor Chris Lindley was out of town. 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 LaVaile Shields, 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 add two items to the consent agenda and one item to the agenda. The two items to add to the consent agenda are:

- 1) CORRECT MINUTES RETROACTIVELY TO ALLOW BOONEVILLE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL AN ALLOWANCE FOR NATURAL GAS UP TO \$30,000.00 PER YEAR THROUGH THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.
- 2) TO PAY ARCHITECTURE SOUTH INVOICE OF \$48,340.15.

The item to add to the agenda was approve Chief Ramey applying for the Department of Public Safety Grant, up to \$74,804.54.

Alderman Williams made the motion to add the items to the respective agendas, seconded By Alderman Miller, 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 MARCH 7, 2023, AND THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE DERRICK LEATHERWOOD \$45.41 FOR A PURCHASE FOR THE SHELTER AT WALMART ON MARCH 7, 2023.
- 3) APPROVE TO PAY \$22,194.40 TO BOONEVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT FOR AMR METER REPLACEMENT FROM THE ARPA FUND.
- 4) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE JOHN VAUGHN \$50.00 FOR OVERPAYMENT ON POLICE FINES.
- 5) APPROVE TO PAY CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING, INC. \$1,305.50 FOR DARE SUPPLIES OUT OF THE DARE ACCOUNT.
- 6) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS TO ATTEND AN ONLINE GRANT WRITING/GRANT MANAGEMENT CLASS APRIL 3-4, 2023, AND APRIL 20-21, 2023 WITH A TOTAL COMBINED TUITION OF \$990.00.
- 7) APPROVE CHRIS LINDLEY AND JIMMY HICKS TO ATTEND THE 2023 ANNUAL MAPDD CONFERENCE IN BILOXI, MS April 17-21, 2023, AT THE COST OF \$400.00 EACH FOR REGISTRATION TOTALING \$800.00; \$230.00 EACH FOR MEALS TOTALING \$460.00; \$878.72 FOR LODGING FOR THE MAYOR AND \$1,137.92 FOR LODGING FOR ALDERMAN HICKS TOTALING \$2,016.64; AND ALDERMAN HICKS TO RECEIVE \$442.78 FOR MILEAGE.
- 8) APPROVE TO PAY FMBANK CONSTRUCTION LOAN PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,023.81 (INTEREST ONLY).
- 9) APPROVE LORI TUCKER TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN BOSTON, MA ON MARCH 26-29, 2023, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$224.00 FOR MEALS, \$465.00 FOR LODGING, \$140.17 FOR MILEAGE, AND \$411.00 FOR AN AIRLINE TICKET.
- 10) APPROVE TO PAY LORI TUCKER \$44.13 FOR HER MEALS WHILE ON HER PREVIOUS TRIP IN CLEVELAND, MS.
- 11) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE KEVIN ALLEN FOR THE RENEWAL OF HIS CDL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55.00.
- 12) APPROVE PAUL DUVALL TO ATTEND GLOCK ARMORER WORKSHOP AT NMLETC IN TUPELO, MS ON MAY 2, 2023 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$250.00.
- 13) APPROVE TO PAY THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,681.88 TO FIRST SECURITY BANK FROM THE WATER SEWER DEBT SERVICES ACCOUNT.
- 14) APPROVE TO PAY PRENTISS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION \$6,200.00 FOR THEIR MARCH QUARTERLY PAYMENT.
- 15) APPROVE TO PAY LORI TUCKER \$125.11 FOR MILEAGE AND \$34.00 FOR MEALS TO ATTEND THE AWARDS LUNCHEON OF THE MS HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA IN STARKVILLE, MS.
- 16) CORRECT MINUTES RETROACTIVELY TO SHOW \$30,000.00 NATURAL GAS ALLOWANCE.
- 17) PAYMENT FOR ARCHITECTURE SOUTH \$48,340.15.

Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Randa Lipman with the Mid-South Transplant Foundation with a request to declare April as "Donate Life Month" and April 14, 2023 as "Blue

and Green Day Mid-South". 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 for consideration, Deborah Bryant requesting approval of the tax incentive, wherein her property taxes would be frozen for 7 years, based on the amount of money spent on the old Wal-Mart Building. 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, Larry Goodine discussing suggestions for annexation and the school board.

There next came for consideration, Modern Woodmen of America requesting approval to waive the rental fees for usage of the Old Hardware Building for community events on October 26, 2023 and December 8, 2023. Their 501(C)(3) is on file. Alderman Williams made said motion, 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 to receive quotes on software for City Hall and for the Gas & Water Department. 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 for a resolution to add a Records Management Fee of \$1.00 to the attached list of items for which payment is currently requested. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for the approval for a resolution to pay 50% of the fees collected to the MS Department of Archives & History at the end of each fiscal year and purchase office management supplies as listed in the attached form with the remaining 50%. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$30.21 per ton for #3A 3-inch Rock. This was the only bid received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$30.21 per ton for #4A #7 State Certified Wash Rock. This was the only bid received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$30.21 per ton for #5A #57 Rock. This was the only bid received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$29.20 per ton for #8A Crusher Run. This was the only bid received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$31.43 per ton for #9A Rip Rap. This was the only bid received. 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 to accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$31.43 per ton for #11A Surge. This was the only bid received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from Booneville Trucking for \$16.00 per ton for #12A Clay Gravel. This was the only bid received. Alderman Hicks 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 of the lowest and best bid for #13A Gasoline, including tank wagon price. There were two (2) bids received. The first bid was from Jumper Oil for Regular \$2.69, Unleaded Plus \$2.74, Premium Unleaded \$2.81, and Diesel \$3.49. The second

bid was from Exxon for Regular \$2.99, Unleaded \$3.19, Premium \$3.59, and Non-ethanol \$3.59.

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid of Jumper Oil, 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 the lowest and best bid for #14A Diesel. There were two (2) bids received. The first bid was from Jumper Oil for \$3.49 and the second bid was from Exxon for \$3.59. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid of Jumper Oil, 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 the Public Property Department requesting approval to receive quotes for annual mowing bids. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution to spend \$3,000.00 from the Tourism Fund for the Spring Open House Event. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker requested approval of a resolution to spend \$1,000.00 from the Tourism Fund for Local Ads. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to increase the minimum rate for residential sprinkler customers with:

- 5/8 meter from \$9.75 to \$14.00
- 1" meter from \$26.70 to \$36.95
- 1 ½" meter from \$47.04 to \$64.49
- 2" meter from \$70.77 to 96.62

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 increase additional gallons per thousand for residential sprinkler customers with:

- 5/8 meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 1" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 1 1/2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65

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 increase the minimum rate for commercial sprinkler customers with:

- 5/8 meter from \$11.80 to \$14.00
- 1" meter from \$28.75 to \$36.95
- 1 1/2" meter from \$49.09 to 64.49
- 2" meter from \$72.82 to \$96.62

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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- 1" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 1 1/2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65

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 increase the minimum rate for commercial customers with:

- 1" meter from \$28.75 to \$36.95
- 1 1/2" meter from \$48.76 to \$64.49
- 2" meter from \$72.28 to \$96.62
- 3" meter from \$146.20 to \$197.60
- 4" meter from \$220.12 to \$298.58

Alderman Hicks 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 increase additional gallons per one thousand for commercial customers with:

- 1" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 1 1/2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 2" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65

- 3" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65
- 4" meter from \$5.65 to \$7.65

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 increase Rural Water Association customers' sewer minimum rates from \$9.25 to \$14.00. 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 to increase additional sewer cons per one thousand Gallons for Rural Water Association customers from \$4.70 to \$7.65. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the Bryant Crossing Sewer Project. There were two (2) bids received. The first bid was for \$32,288.50 from Eubank Construction. The second bid was for \$22,765.95 from Buzz Plaxico Dozer. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid of Buzz Plaxico Dozer, 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 lowest and best bid for the Adams Street Sewer Project. There were two (2) bids received. The first bid was for \$49,824.30 from Buzz Plaxico Dozer. The second bid was for \$78,558.00 from Eubank Construction. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid of Buzz Plaxico Dozer, 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 service connection fee for utilities per the city's cost on gas services per foot, including cost of boring. 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 a service connection fee for utilities per the city's cost on water services per foot, including cost of boring. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Alyssa Bailey as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested approval to hire Brandon Wright as a full-time Patrol Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested approval to send Alyssa Bailey to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS April 10, 2023, at the cost of \$4,000.00 which will be reimbursed by the state after completion of the academy. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested approval to send Brandon Wright to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS April 10, 2023, at the cost of \$4,000.00 which will be reimbursed by the state after completion of the academy. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Michael Ramey requested approval to send Drew Copeland to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS April 10, 2023, at the cost of \$4,000.00 which will be reimbursed by the state after completion of the academy. 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 to receive bids for City Department Facilities security systems.

Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board report, Alderman Lauderdale requested approval of a Policy to

appoint Planning Commission board members by wards, with one member being replaced at the first of each business year, that current members be grandfathered in, and will be replaced alphabetically by last name, starting with Ward 1 through At-Large. 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 a policy to appoint Housing Authority board members by wards, with one member being replaced at the first of each business year, that current members be grandfathered in, and will be replaced alphabetically by last name, starting with Ward 1 through At-Large. Alderman Miller 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 to purchase an ad from the Banner Independent congratulating the Booneville High School Basketball Teams in the amount of \$650.00. This ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. 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 for consideration, a request to adopt the Baby Box Ordinance. 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 correct the address in the minutes concerning property with PPIN #241 to 1204 Meadowcreek Drive. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

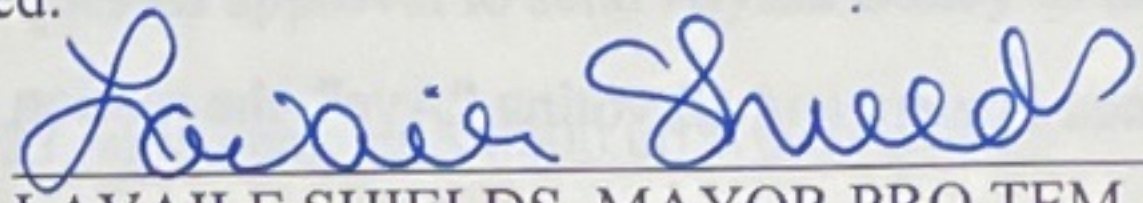
There next came on for consideration, a request to approve seeking an Attorney General's Opinion concerning the county charging the city a fee for dumping rubbish. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve seeking a Local and Private Bill adding two (2) additional seats to the Booneville School Board. Alderman Hicks made said

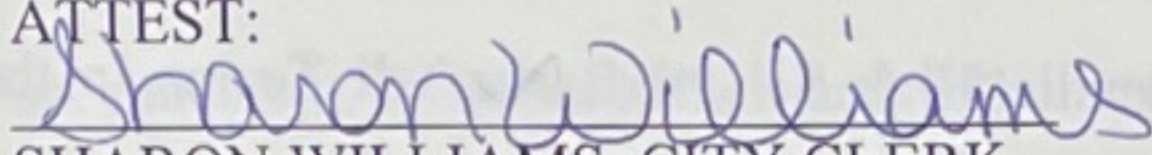
motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve Chief Ramey applying for the Department of Public Safety Grant up to \$72,804.54. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with 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 Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


LAVAILE SHIELDS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK