

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

MAY 16, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of May 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, May 16, 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 and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman LaVaile Shields participated by phone due to sickness. 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 David Moore.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James McChristian.

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

- 1) CHRISTIAN KENNEDY'S RESIGNATION. (Consent Agenda)
- 2) POST FOR A DISPATCHER. (Agenda)

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.

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

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2023, AND THE WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE LORI TUCKER TO TRAVEL TO JACKSON, MS ON JUNE 14-15, 2023, FOR MMSA, WITH A TOTAL COST OF \$286.89 FOR MILEAGE AND \$160.00 FOR LODGING.

- 3) APPROVE TO PAY DEPENDABLE DOZER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FOR THE CLEANUP AT 100 OAK STREET (PPIN #5992).
- 4) APPROVE TO DONATE \$1,000.00 FOR THE FOOD FESTIVAL PARTNERSHIP WITH PROJECT DOMINO.
- 5) APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WEBINAR, SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP, ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023, FOR IIMC EDUCATIONAL CREDITS FOR SHARON WILLIAMS AT A COST OF \$60.00.
- 6) APPROVE AARON CANADAY'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM FULL-TIME AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2023, AND TO BE MOVED TO PART-TIME AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
- 7) APPROVE EXTREME EATS FOR BEER PERMIT.
- 8) APPROVE TO PAY FMBANK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,888.30 FOR THE 360 BUS INSTITUTE LOAN PAYMENT (INTEREST ONLY).
- 9) APPROVE TO REFUND EMILY TRIMBLE RETROACTIVELY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150.00 FOR THE CANCELLATION OF A BUILDING RENTAL.
- 10) APPROVE TO PAY PRENTISS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,250.00.
- 11) TO ACCEPT CHRISTIAN KENNEDY'S RESIGNATION.

Alderman Williams 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.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval of a third month adjustment for a utility bill overcharge for Attila Kovacs in the amount of \$100.59. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under General Government, Sharon Williams requested approval of a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for ACCO Brands USA, LLC 2023-2032 in the amount of

\$10,913,635.00. 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 Marathon Cheese Corporation 2023-2032 in the amount of \$114,345.00. 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 a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Pro Via, LLC 2023-2032 in the amount of \$571,575.07. 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 of a resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for New Way Trucks 2023-2032 in the amount of \$3,394,912.79. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue, 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 West Lake Pipe Fittings 2023-2032 in the amount of \$197,994.00. 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 the Freeport Warehouse application for ACCO Brands USA, LLC in the amount of \$65,903,777.00. 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 for Local Ads in the amount \$1,000.00. This Ad 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 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 Stacks Painting to stain the pergola at Pocket Park in the amount of \$1,325.00. 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 entertainment for the car show at the Depot 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 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 resolution for the Back-to-School Party in August in the amount of \$4,000.00. 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 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 Stacks Painting to prep and paint for the MS Hills Downtown Alley Project in the amount of \$7,435.00. 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 Williams, 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 artist Kara Courtney to complete research, design, and paint a mural for the Downtown Alley Project in the amount of \$4,900.00. 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.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to open and accept the best and lowest bid for Topsoil Dressing for the Ball Fields. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 Accept the best and lowest quote for the mounting of the bed and the installation of emergency lights on the new Rescue Truck. There were two (2) bids received. One bid was from Emergency Vehicle Services in the amount of \$56,210.73. The second bid was from K.C. Fire Services in the amount of \$64,945.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the best and lowest quote from Emergency Vehicle Services in the amount of \$56,210.73, 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 purchase two (2) Dodge trucks from the Water/Sewer Capital at State Contract price. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this item, 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 increase the Gas & Water Petty Cash Credit Card to \$5,000.00. 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 transfer Chris Patten from the Water Crew to the Treatment Plant to fill the vacancy. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to accept the best and lowest quote for the Marietta Gas Line Project with the \$3,000.00+ quote, with all costs being paid by the customer. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and then the following vote was had:

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

With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion passed.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Cheri Summers as a Full-Time Certified Officer at the rate of \$17.20 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.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian with the IT Department requesting approval to pay CSpire Internet in the amount of \$50,162.60. 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 pay CSpire Cellular Phone in the amount of \$13,202.60. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Shields discussed the request for approval from the Booneville School District to install a gas line at the Softball Field. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to change the purchasing authority of the Mayor to \$1,000.00. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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, May 22, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to stop the transfer of the rubbish funds to the City from the Water Department. 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 to approve the purchase of a Full-Page Ad from the Banner Independent for the NEMCC Campus Guide in the amount of \$650.00. This Ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the Board discussed the CAP Loan Program.

Next, a request was made for approval of the posting for a Dispatcher at the Police 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, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue within General Government. Alderman Lauderdale 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 Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Hicks made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, the following actions were taken:

City Clerk Sharon Williams made the recommendation that Katherine Wardlow be moved to the position of Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

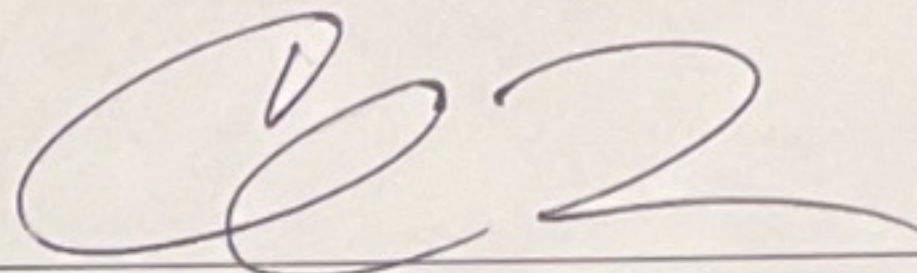
City Clerk Sharon Williams made the recommendation that Courtney Moore be moved to the position of Deputy Clerk at the rate of \$16.80 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

City Clerk Sharon Williams made the recommendation that Amber Davis be moved to the position of Court Clerk at the rate of \$16.80 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

City Clerk Sharon Williams made the recommendation that Angela Armstrong's rate of pay be increased to \$16.80 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Miller made said motion,

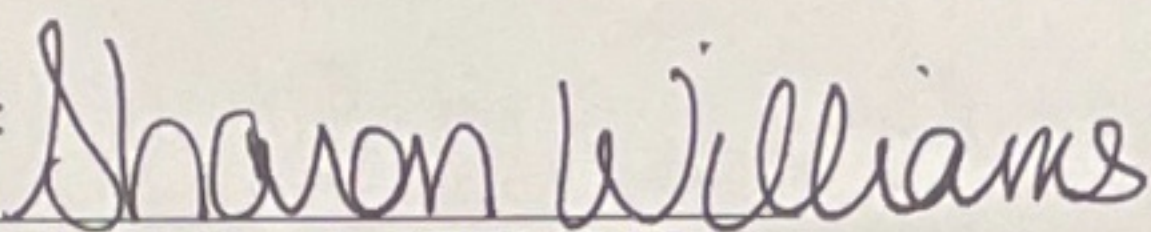
seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK