

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
November 21, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of November 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, November 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: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Carolyn Miller, and Alderman LaVaile Shields. Alderman Lauderdale and Alderman Williams were not present. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Williams, 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 John Caveness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Debra Tubb.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Board minutes of November 7th, 2023, the Special Called minutes of November 7th, 2023, the Special Called minutes of November 8th, 2023, and the Special Called minutes of November 13th, 2023.
- (b) Approve to pay Courtney Moore and Sharon Williams \$236.00 each for meals to Winter Clerk Program in Flowood, MS on December 12-15, 2023 (new meal rates have been changed and released).
- (c) Approve to pay Courtney Moore and Sharon Williams \$192.00 each for meals for Spring Clerk Program in Oxford, MS on February 21-23, 2024. (same as above).
- (d) Approve Jeff Williams, Chris Lindley, Jimmy Hicks, Tara Lauderdale, and LaVaile Shields to attend the MML Mid-Winter Conference in Jackson, MS on January 8-11, 2023. Meals \$236.00 each. Milage \$285.58 each with the Mayor using the travel card. Lodging \$381.00 each. Registration \$150.00 each.
- (e) Approve to pay FMBank in the amount of \$8,772.87 for the Police Department Complex Loan.
- (f) Approve to pay David Moore in the amount of \$400.00 for City Engineer Services. (was left off of docket).
- (g) Approve to publish "Notice of Intent to Divert or Withdraw for Beneficial Use the Public Waters of the State of MS" in the amount of \$252.00.
- (h) Approve sewer adjustments for Lisa Stevens in the amount of \$165.17.
- (i) Approve sewer adjustment for Nathan Horn in the amount of \$64.10.

- (j) Approve Public Awareness 2024 Spring Mailing (affected public) in the amount of \$3,773.70.
- (k) Approve public awareness 2024 spring mailing (gas customers) in the amount of \$3,507.70.
- (l) Approve public awareness 2024 fall mailing (gas customers) in the amount of \$3,507.70.

Alderman Hicks 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, Joanna Dawson requesting approval to waive the rental fee for the Booneville Hardware Building for the Booneville High School Seniors' Christmas Dinner on December 11, 2023. Alderman Miller 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, John Caveness with a Baby Box Update. There will be costs involved in the amounts of a \$300.00 annual fee for the Safe Haven Baby Box and a \$500.00 annual fee for the alarm company. A 501(c)(3) has been set up. Mr. Caveness is requesting the City to takeover and implement this program. The Board will need to discuss.

There next came on for consideration, Paul Wright requesting the placement of a 3-way stop sign at the corner of Park and North Smith Streets. 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval to hire Kayla Ekstrand as a part-time Deputy Court Clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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 allow Mayor Chris Lindley and City Clerk Sharon Williams to sign the interlocal agreement on the Booneville/Baldwyn Airport. 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 the approval of the disposal of the dated documents that were stored based on the list provided by the Mississippi Department of Archives & History. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. Attached to these minutes is a list of documents that were disposed of.

There next came on for consideration, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for the Booneville Christmas Parade in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for from the Tourism budget. 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 of a resolution for Marketing & Advertising for \$3,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for from the Tourism budget. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to terminate the attached list of seasonal employees with a good standing record. 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 the approval to promote William Kelly to Firefighter 3 at the rate of \$13.73 per hour, effective 12-01-23. 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 promote Christopher Davis to Firefighter 2 at the rate of \$13.23 per hour, effective 12-01-23. Alderman Miller 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting discussion of the Joey Langston account and a gas billing correction seasonal code for fifteen (15) customers. Alderman Hicks made a motion to move these 2 items to a work session, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 hire Gary Grizzard, Jr. as a Water Technician at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screen. 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 allow the on-call Waste Water Technician to have a take home vehicle. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to receive quotes for gas to be run for the generators for the Police Department. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval for disposing of garbage and debris at the landfill. Alderman Shields made a motion to move this discussion to a work session, 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 Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requesting approval of a work session for November 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. 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 of the proclamation sent by Governor Reeves declaring November 23rd and November 24th as Thanksgiving Holidays for 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 of the proclamation sent by Governor Reeves declaring December 25th and December 26th as Christmas Holidays for 2023. Alderman Hicks 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 the proclamation sent by Governor Reeves declaring January 1st as New Year's Day 2024. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

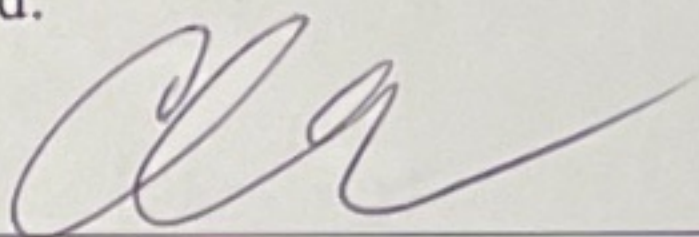
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss a personal issue. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

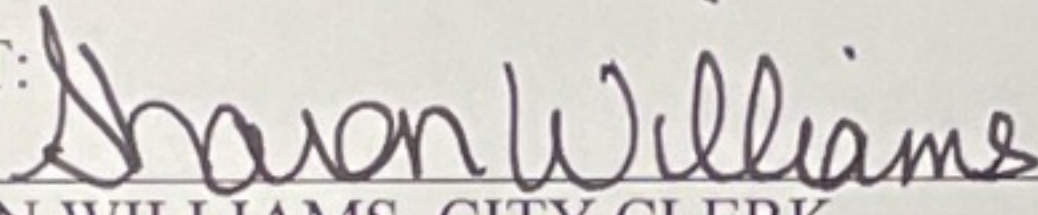
Alderman Shields made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a request was made to hire Michael Roberts with the Gas Department at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Shields 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 Shields 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: 

SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK