

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
November 7, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of November 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, November 7, 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 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 Jarious Maxey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lindley.

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

- (a) NEMCC Grant Project.

Alderman Shields made a motion to add the item to 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, the request to approve the items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

- (a) Approve board minutes of October 17th, 2023.
- (b) Approve bill dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to pay the PD Loan Payment retroactive to FMBank in the amount of \$8,241.70.
- (e) Approve to pay Roberts Builders in the amount of \$219,817.65 from FMBank construction loan.
- (f) Approve to pay Architecture South in the amount of \$1,611.34 for architectural services on the Police Department.
- (g) Approve to pay Roberts Builders retroactive in the amount of \$103,645.00 from FMBank construction loan.
- (h) Approve to reimburse Paul Carpenter for meals during the Tupelo Water Conference in Tupelo in the amount of \$177.00.
- (i) Approve to pay Sharon Williams \$80.96 retroactive for mileage to Tupelo Fall Clerk Conference.
- (j) Approve to transfer \$1,348.36 from Court Clerk Technology to General Fund to reimburse for supplies.
- (k) Approve to transfer \$1,297.94 from the Dare Fund to the General Fund for Halloween Candy for the Police Department.

- (l) Approve to pay MS Municipal Liability Plan in the amount of \$82,320.16.
- (m) Approve to pay Blanchard Law Firm in the amount of \$547.16.
- (n) Approve to pay Unemployment Cost Solutions in the amount of \$7,552.57.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, with removing item (approve resignation of Nathanael Jones), seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 of the final resolution of the Ad Valorem tax exemption for Plumrose 2023 in the amount of \$5,787,683.00. 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 of the final resolution of the Ad Valorem tax exemption for Williams-Sonoma, Inc./Sutter in the amount of \$5,465,959.00. 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 signing the Completion Certificate for the MSDH Grant. 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 to discuss/approve to pre-pay Legal Shield for monthly payroll deduction. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the vote for the Housing Authority Board position was held. The vote was as follows:

Alderman Hicks—Jackie Burress
 Alderman Lauderdale—Jackie Burress
 Alderman Miller—Jackie Burress
 Alderman Shields—Jackie Burress
 Alderman Williams—Jackie Burress

With a vote of 5 for and none against, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve Jackie Burress for the Housing Authority Board position, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 Christina Lozano as a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$12.45 per hour, effective

November 8, 2023. 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 post for an open position as Firefighter 2. 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 to post for an open position as Firefighter 3. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Tourism travel up to \$4,500.00. This resolution has 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for lighting at the Depot not to exceed \$2,500.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 a deposit on historical downtown plaques in the amount of \$7,500.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas and Water Office, requesting approval to hire David Downs as an In-house Customer Service Technician at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to accept the best and lowest quote for police equipment to be installed in the Dodge Durango. Two (2) quotes were received. The first quote was from Leflore Communication in the amount

of \$8,179.95 and the second quote was from ComSouth-Tupelo in the amount of \$6,903.68.

Alderman Shields made a motion to accept the best and lowest quote from ComSouth-Tupelo in the amount of \$6,903.68. This was 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 promote Cody Brandon Wright to full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.20 per hour, effective immediately. 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 promote Drew Copeland to full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.20 per hour, effective immediately. 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 hire Annette Martin as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. 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 hire Frederick Washington as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.20 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.

Next, a request was made for approval to terminate Christopher Blake Flurry, effective immediately. Alderman Shields 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 hire Michael Kilgore as a Brush Truck Operator 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, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to purchase an Ad in the Jumpertown 2023-2024 yearbook in the amount of \$90.00. 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 Attorney's report, City Attorney Daniel Tucker requested approval of the Northeast/Booneville Cross Country Course. 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 of the re-entry of the property clean-up list. 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 new property clean-up list. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the alternate plan of running lines on the Booneville Funeral Home property for the NEMCC Project. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 potential litigation. 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams 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.

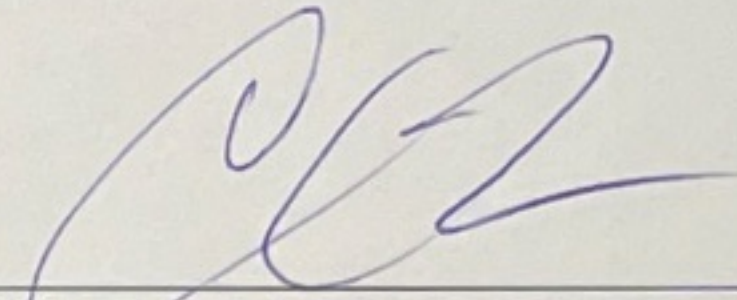
Back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

Next, it was announced that the Booneville Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

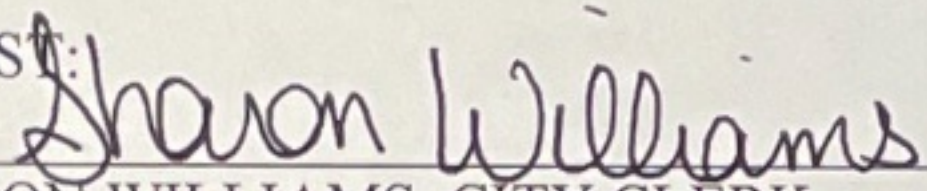
Next, a request was made to appoint the following positions: City Judge, Public Defender, City Prosecutor, City Engineer, Auditor, City Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Property Director, Street Director, Park Director, Gas Manager, Water/Sewer Manager, Gas/Water Office Manager, IT Director, and Tourism Director. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, 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 Williams 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

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