

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
October 17, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of October 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, October 17, 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 Daniel Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Tara Lauderdale.

There first 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 3rd, 2023, and the special called minutes of October 10th, 2023.
- (b) Approve to pay IIMC for Sharon Williams' dues for the Master's Municipal Clerk program in the amount of \$440.00.
- (c) Approve the resignation of Jeremy Childress as a full-time firefighter effective October 17th, 2023.
- (d) Approve to pay Unifirst invoice #1830055006 and invoice #1830054149 totaling \$158.09.
- (e) Approve Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend the Spring Clerk Training in Oxford, MS February 21st-23rd, 2023. Meals \$153.00 each, Registration \$300.00 each, Mileage \$263.70 each, totaling \$1,433.40.
- (f) Approve to pay BCI in the amount of \$162.50 retroactively.
- (g) Approve to pay \$25.00 to MML for Jeff Williams for Small Town Registration. Due to the date when registered, produced a different amount that what was previously approved.
- (h) Approve to pay South Lake Auto in the amount of \$1,745.00 for patrol unit #148.
- (i) Approve Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend the Clerk Training in Tupelo, MS October 19th-20th, 2023. Meals \$92.00 each.
- (j) Approve Jimmy Hicks to attend the Advanced Water Training on October 26th, 2023, in Tupelo, MS. Mileage \$40.48.
- (k) Approve to pay Earnest Detail Shop in the amount of \$100.00.
- (l) Approve Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend the Winter Clerk Conference on December 12th-15th, 2023 in Flowood, MS. Meals \$184.00 each, Lodging \$567.84, Registration \$300.00 each.
- (m) Approve to pay Axon Enterprise Inc. in the amount of \$63,066.67 for police vehicle cameras.
- (n) Approve to refund Juanita Butler \$150.00 for rental of the East Side community center.
- (o) Approve pay increase for Bryan Beene of \$1.00 per hour, effective immediately.
- (p) Approve the resignation of Roderick Williams effective October 17th, 2023.

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 the request to approve the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar off premises beer and light wine privilege license. 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval of the Federal Compliance Statement. 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 Municipal Intercept Company to collect debts owed to the city within the court clerk's office. 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 to approve the rough draft of the Municode and to make changes after a continued review by the Mayor, Aldermen, Clerk, City Attorney and all Department Heads. 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 apply for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Grant "2024 Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation Healthy Hometown Awards Program". Alderman Shields 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 apply for a grant through the Mississippi Department of Health in the amount of \$5,000.00. 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, Charles Sanders with the Public Property Department requesting approval to reverse the re-zoning of PPIN 21970 from C-2 back to A-1.

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 the MMSA Annual Dues Invoice #4947 in the amount of \$2,650.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Lori Tucker requested the board approve the hold harmless agreement between FBC and the City for the use of the green space behind Cadance Bank during the fall festival. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to post for two (2) open positions in Park Maintenance. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Jason Hall as a Firefighter at the rate of \$12.45 per hour, effective November 6, 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 to post for a Firefighter. 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 accept the new quote of \$14,000.00 (which was still the lowest quote) for a truck bed due to the previous quote being incorrect. Alderman Shields 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas and Water Office, through Mayor Lindley, requesting a motion to declare a \$104,309.38 surplus in water funds at

the Water Department. 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 a three (3) year sewer adjustment for Lynn Ashmore in the amount of \$513.55. 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 3-month adjustment for Wanda Cox in the amount of \$79.37 for a water leak. 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 3-month adjustment for Michael Thompson in the amount of \$602.41. 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 transfer a surplus of \$104,309.38 in the Water fund to the General 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 to terminate Matthew Hughes, 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 post for an In-House Customer Service Technician. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to advertise for bids for repairing the Lift Station Rehab. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Drew Copeland as a Part-Time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 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.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian with the IT Department requesting approval for equipment and license for the new sonic wall for City Hall in the amount of \$2,035.67. 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 certification training with CompTia A+Core 1 and Core 2 online October 30—November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$3,999.00. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, but the motion died for lack of a vote.

Alderman Williams made a motion to table the issue of the CompTia A+Core 1 and Core 2 online October 30—November 30, 2023, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next under the Board Report, Alderman Hicks discussed the East Lake Street drainage issue.

Next the request was made by Mayor Chirs Lindley for the City to accept Crestwood Circle as a city street. 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 correct the wording in the previous minutes from "quotes" to "bids". The motion was 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 Special Called meeting. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested to table the item of the pay increase of 3% for City employees. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that the Fall Festival will be held on October 21, 2023.

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

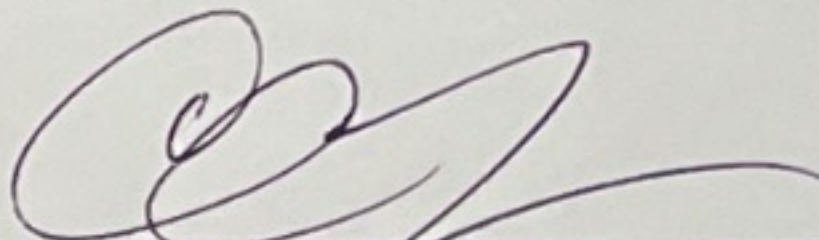
present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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 Shields 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.

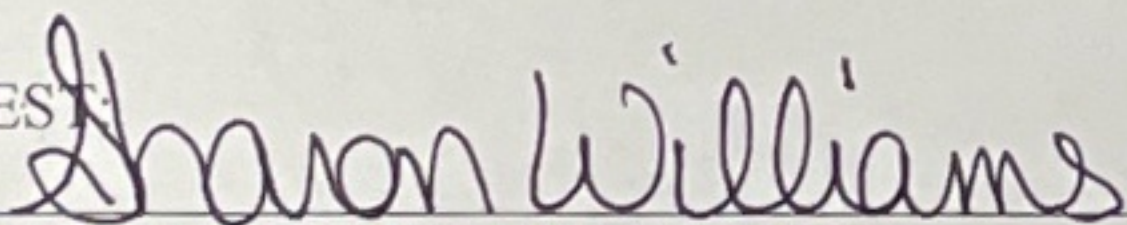
In open session, it was announced that the Board would defer to City Attorney Daniel Tucker, to choose the law firm to handle the drinking water/chemical lawsuit and for the Mayor to sign any needed contract. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present 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