

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
October 3, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of October 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, October 3, 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, 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 James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Stennett.

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 September 19, 2023, and the special meeting minutes of September 25, 2023.
- (b) Approve Bill Dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve the resignation of Brandon Wright effective October 1st, 2023.
- (e) Approve to purchase a replacement title for the 2021 Pierce Fire Truck as it was never received in the amount of \$9.00.
- (f) Approve to purchase a tag for the 2021 Pierce Fire Truck in the amount of \$12.00.
- (g) Approve Jeff Williams to attend the Small-Town Conference in Meridian, MS October 24-26, 2023. Meals \$138.00, Lodging \$507.51, Registration \$125.00, and mileage \$225.32.
- (h) Approve Carolyn Miller to attend the Mississippi Rural Water Association on October 6th, 2023, in Tupelo, MS. Registration \$25.00, Milage \$40.48.
- (i) Approve to pay Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development invoice in the amount of \$20,000.00 for tuition assistance.
- (j) Approve to pay FMBank in the amount of \$43,149.14 for loan payment #255065.
- (k) Approve to pay The Peoples Bank bond payment in the amount of \$259,034.38 for the Public Improvement Project.
- (l) Approve for Micheal Crenshaw to attend the MRWA meeting in Biloxi, MS. Lodging \$582.35, Milage \$366.25, Meals \$295.00 totaling \$1,243.60.
- (m) Approve to pay Architecture South P.A. in the amount of \$103,645.00 for work done on the new police department.
- (n) Approve to pay Architecture South P.A. in the amount of \$805.67 for professional services.
- (o) Discuss/Approve to reimburse Jeremy Childers in the amount of \$537.32 for BCBS deduction.
- (p) Approve to pay \$14,501.88 from the water account to First Security Bank for the Obligation Utility Bond.

- (q) Approve the resignation of Wesley Graves as a part time officer effective September 18th, 2023.
- (r) Approve the resignation of Timothy Boggs as a part time officer effective September 18th, 2023.
- (s) Approve the resignation of Aaron Canaday as a part time officer effective September 21st, 2023.
- (t) Approve the resignation of Drew Copeland effective September 18th, 2023.
- (u) Approve to pay the Municipal Worker's Comp in the amount of \$74,566.77.

Alderman Hicks made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Whitney Zackarevitz with Thrasher School, requested the board to waive rental fees of the Hardware Building for Thrasher School Prom on April 13th, 2023 and to close off S. Main St and W. Market St. beginning at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Lynn Ashmore came before the board to discuss her sewer bill. Alderman Williams made a motion to table the matter, seconded by Alderman Miller and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next Sharon Williams requested Approval of the final resolution for ad valorem tax exemption for ACCO Brands USA, LLC in the amount of \$10,913,635.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the same, second by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, it was requested that the board review the rough draft for the Municode and to make recommended changes to the same at the next Board meeting and to approve the same with changes. Alderman Williams made a motion for the same seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, it was requested that the Board Approve to accept Edmonds GovTech as the lowest and best quote to provide software for City Hall in the amount of \$95,282.00. Alderman Miller made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Lori Tucker with Tourism requested the Board approve a resolution to pay \$2,750.00 for half of the audit from Spark's Accounting Firm to come out of tourism account. The Tourism Board had previously passed a resolution approving the same. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion

for the same, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Jon Hill with the Park Department requested a resolution to pay \$2,750.00 for half of the audit from Spark's Accounting Firm to come out of park tourism account. The Park Tourism Board had previously passed a resolution approving the same. Alderman Shields made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requested he be allowed to purchase a truck bed from Trailer Empire in the amount of \$12,800.00, which was the lowest quote. Jack Trailor had quoted \$14,500.00. Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the low quoted of Trailer Empire, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Lisa Stennett with the Gas and Water office, requested that she be allowed to hire Matthew Hughes as an in-House Customer Service Technician at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective immediately, pending drug screen. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested approval to hire Casey Wallace as a full-time police officer at the rate of \$17.20 an hour, effective immediately. Alderman Shields made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Chief Ramey requested approval to hire Christopher Flurry as a full-time police officer at the rate of \$17.20 an hour, effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to hire Brandon Wright as a part-time police officer at \$11.50 an hour. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Mayor Lindly requested to purchase an ad in the Holiday Cookbook for the Banner Independent in the amount of \$650.00. Said ad would promote the City of Booneville, Alderman

Miller made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

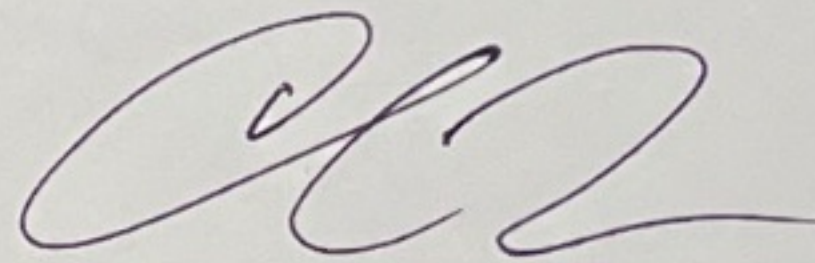
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to see if an executive session was needed concerning a personal issue in General Government. Alderman Shields made a motion for the same, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

While in closed session Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

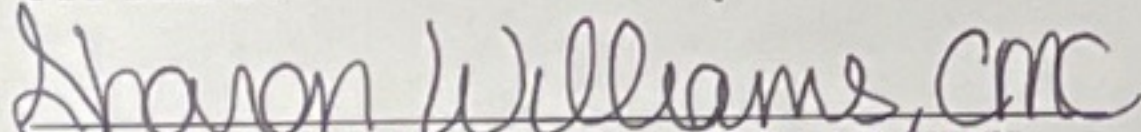
Back in open session Alderman Williams made a motion to raise City Clerk Sharron Williams salary to \$47,236.80, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

With there being no other business Alderman Shields made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all aldermen present and voting aye, the motion was unanimously approved.



MAYOR CHRIS LINDLEY

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK