

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

December 5, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of December 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 5:30 pm, in the Booneville Hardware Building, 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 John Caveness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brant Sappington.

There first came on for consideration, the request to add an item to the consent agenda. This item was as follows:

Closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve to add the item to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda are as follows:

- (a) Approve board minutes of November 21, 2023, and minutes for the work session of November 27, 2023.
- (b) Approve Bill Dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to pay Axon Enterprise contract in the amount of \$54,434.95 for the second payment on cameras and tasers for the Police Department.
- (e) Approve Annual Software Agreement with BBI Inc. for Gas & Water. The cost is \$8,595.00.
- (f) Approve Edmunds Bank Card Merchant Agreement and Application for Gas & Water. (For processing Payments).

- (g) Approve to pay MS Law Research Institute in the amount of \$257.00 from the Court Clerk Technology Fund.
- (h) Approve to transfer \$2,400.00 from the Park Tourism account to the General Account for the soil boring.
- (i) Approve Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend a Zoom webinar for IIMC Online Professional Development Program: Cybersecurity in Municipalities on January 18, 2024, in the amount of \$60.00 each.
- (j) Approve Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend a Zoom webinar for IIMC Online Professional Development Program: Changing Health Behaviors on February 8, 2024, in the amount of \$60.00 each.
- (k) Approve to reimburse Jeff Williams \$321.64 for hotel at Small Town Conference in Meridian on October 24-26, 2023.

Alderman Williams 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, Dennie Richardson discussing drainage issues at 501 Azalea Street. Alderman Williams made a motion to see if the City could fix this issue and, if not, to obtain quotes. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 accept the Office Pro quote (state contract) in the amount of \$50,742.32 to provide furniture for the new Police Department. 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 hire Patricia Cubillo as a Court Interpreter as needed at the rate of \$50.00 per hour (minimum of two (2) hours) and to receive the federal mileage rate. 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 a motion for the Sample Uniform Guidance Purchasing Policy Statement to be reflected in the minutes as "Contracts funded with the federal grant or loan funds must be procured in a manner that conforms with all applicable Federal laws, policies, and standards, including those under the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200). 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to hire Thomas Burcham as a full-time employee at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective immediately and upon passing drug test. 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 hire Wesley Ward as a full-time employee at the rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective immediately and upon passing drug test. 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 soil boring at the Eastside Park in the amount of or up to \$3,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Park Board. 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 resolution for LED lights in the amount of or up to \$5,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Park Board. 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 fencing at Kid's Town in the amount of or up to \$5,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Park Board. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval for Christi Lozano and Jason Hall to take the MSTAT test on December 6, 2023 at the cost of \$20.00 each. 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 for Matthew Brown to attend Firefighter 1001-1 & 2 beginning January 7, 2024, at a cost of \$500.00 for the registration and \$536.35 for meals. 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 for Jeremy Davis and Ashley White to take Fire Officer 1-2 online beginning January 15, 2024, at a cost of \$175.00 each. 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 for Christi Lozano to take Hazmat Awareness & Operations beginning January 8, 2024, with the class being paid for by a MEMA grant and a cost of \$98.35 for meals. 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 for Jason Hall to take Hazmet Awareness & Operations beginning February 5, 2024, with the class being paid for by a MEMA grant and a cost of \$98.35 for meals. 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, under the Board Report, a request for approval to accept the lowest and best quote for safety rails on Ninth Street. Two (2) quotes were received. The first quote was from Alabama Guardrail, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500.00. A second quote was received from Atwood Fencing Company in the amount of \$16,700.00. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Alabama Guardrail, Inc. in the amount of \$14,500.00. This was 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 reject the previous bids for the East Lake Street drainage project. 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 advertise for bids for the East Lake Street drainage project. Alderman Lauderdale 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, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requesting approval to pay PCEPA \$4,770.11 to install eight (8) LED lights at the new Police Department. 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 purchase the "Don't Drink and Drive" page from the Banner Independent for \$250.00. Alderman Miller 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 purchase the Santa Letter/Christmas Greetings Ad from the Banner Independent for \$400.00. 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 go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

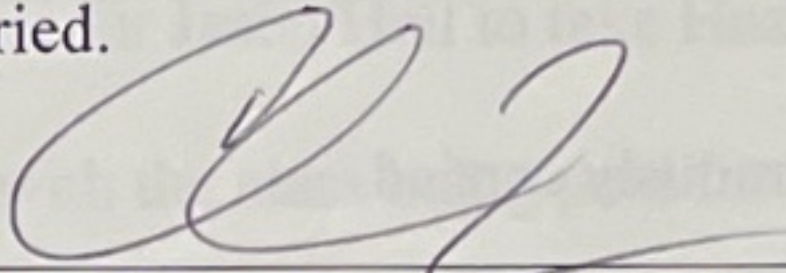
While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

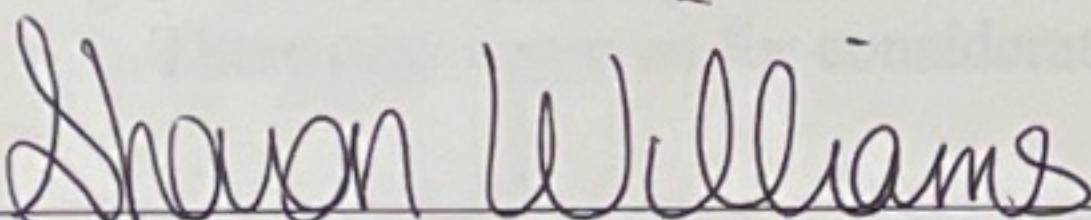
Back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

Alderman Shields made a motion to recess the meeting, 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 Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK