

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

August 1, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of August 2023, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 1, 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 Attorney Daniel Tucker, 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 John Floyd.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deborah Bryant.

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

- 1) CONNECTION FEES AT G&W.
- 2) GAS & WATER REIMBURSEMENTS, MILEAGE FOR MNGA CONFERENCE IN ORANGE BEACH, AL JULY 12-14, 2023, TO PAUL CARPENTER \$497.50, OSCAR JOSHLIN \$497.50, LISA STENNETT \$497.50.
- 3) APPROVE GAS & WATER ADJUSTMENTS FOR JULY 2023.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve to add the items 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, a motion to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- 1) APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2023.
- 2) APPROVE BILL DOCKETS.
- 3) APPROVE GAS & WATER ADJUSTMENTS.

- 4) APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS AND COURTNEY MOORE TO ATTEND THE 2023 FALL CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2023, IN OXFORD, MS. REGISTRATION \$300.00 EACH TOTALING \$600.00, LODGING TOTALING \$309.00, MILEAGE TO SHARON WILLIAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$87.51, AND MEALS \$204.00 EACH TOTALING \$408.00.
- 5) APPROVE TO PAY ROBERTS BUILDERS \$171,746.70 FROM THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN AT FMBANK.
- 6) APPROVE TO PAY ARCHITECTURE SOUTH \$1,127.93 FOR INVOICE #22016 PPA #5 CA.
- 7) APPROVE TO PAY BOONEVILLE LUMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,820.01 FOR DELINQUENT BILLS.
- 8) APPROVE TO PAY EEP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,726.00 FOR DELINQUENT FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS.
- 9) APPROVE LORI TUCKER TO ATTEND THE MMSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON AUGUST 10-11, 2023, IN HATTIESBURG, MS. LODGING IS A TOTAL OF \$174.90, MEALS ARE A TOTAL OF \$92.00, AND MILEAGE IS A TOTAL OF \$343.22.
- 10) APPROVE RESIGNATION OF KATHERINE WARDLOW EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023.
- 11) APPROVE TO REIMBURSE TY WEATHERBEE RETROACTIVE \$346.01 FOR INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS.

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

There next came on for consideration, John Floyd and David Odel with Floyd, Odel & Associates requesting approval of the Cafeteria Plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance. 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, Booneville City School Superintendent Todd English requesting approval of the 2023-2024 Ad Valorem Tax Request by the Booneville School District. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Deborah Bryant discussed the progress of the East side of the City.

There next came on for consideration, Diane Garvin requesting approval to place a historical marker for the Von Theatre in the parking lot owned by the City across from the Von Theatre. 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 General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval of Scranton Manufacturing Free Port Warehouse Tax Exemption, except for the school taxation. 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 ProVia Free Port Warehouse Tax Exemption, except for the school taxation. Alderman Lauderdale 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 of Caterpillar Free Port Warehouse Tax Exemption, except for the school taxation. 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 Sutter Street Free Port Warehouse Tax Exemption, except for the school taxation. 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 Acco Free Port Warehouse Tax Exemption, except for the school taxation. 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 post for an Administrative Assistance at City Hall with a starting rate of \$14.00-\$16.00 per hour, depending on experience. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution to purchase Commercial Grade Planters for the Downtown Alley Project in the amount of \$2,950.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. 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 to pay for repairs at the Cunningham House due to recent storm damage in the amount of \$5,500.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. 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 a resolution to pay for cleanup for the Downtown Alley in the amount of \$509.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. Alderman Lauderdale 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 to pay for the Fall Festival in the amount of \$40,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board and would be paid for by the Tourism fund. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting the approval to promote Brian Goecke to Battalion Chief at the rate of \$17.17 per hour, effective August 3, 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 the approval to promote Jeff Sanford to Captain at the rate of \$16.26 per hour, effective August 3, 2023. Alderman Williams 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 the approval to promote Marcus Johnson to Lieutenant at the rate of \$15.86 per hour, effective August 3, 2023. 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 the approval to promote Jeremy McCoy to Sergeant at the rate of \$14.91 per hour, effective August 3, 2023. 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 to post for positions for a Fire Fighter 3, Fire Fighter 2, and Firefighter. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Lisa Stennett discussed coming up with optional payment plans.

There next came on for consideration, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to accept the retirement of Franklin Perrigo, effective 8-31-23. 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 to post for a Head Lift Station Technician at the starting rate of \$18.00 per hour. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for the McAnally Sewer Project. Two (2) bids were received. The first bid was from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$67,758.00. The second bid was from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Service in the amount of \$41,705.43. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Service in the amount of \$41,705.43. This was 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 remove a gas line off the bridge on County Road 7200. The cost would be between \$19,000.00 and \$20,000.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, James McChristian with the Information Technology Department requesting approval to accept VolP Services with Southern Telecommunication. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next under the Board Report, Alderman Williams discussed the status of the property that needed to be cleaned up.

There next came on for consideration, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requesting approval to call for a work session on August 7, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Budget and a work session on August 8, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Handbook and other items. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

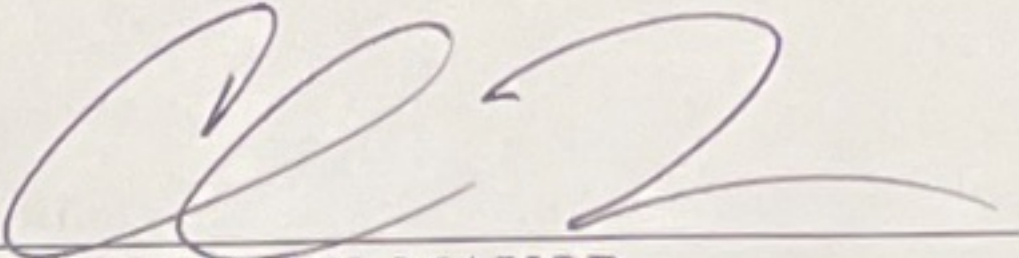
Next, a request was made for approval to confirm that Counce Lane was a county road prior to the annexation, therefore it is a City Street. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, a request for approval to charge Gas, Water, & Sewer Connection Fee Deposits of \$300.00. Once the job was completed, the customer would pay the actual cost. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

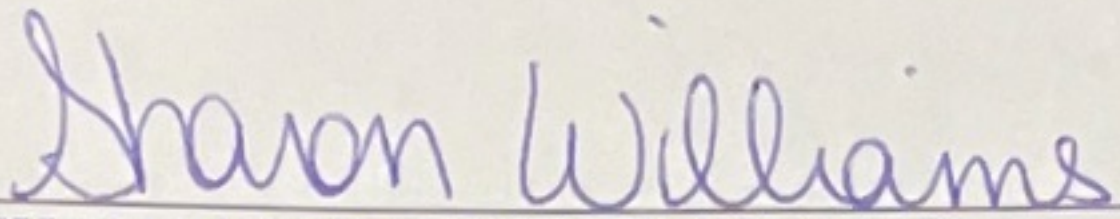
Next, a request was made for approval to reimburse Paul Carpenter \$497.50; Oscar Joshlin \$497.50; and Lisa Stennett \$497.50 for the MNGA Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, July 12-14, 2023. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye",

the motion unanimously carried.

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

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SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

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