

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
April 2, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of April 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 5:30 pm, at Booneville 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 Mayor Lindley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Caviness.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve adding work session reschedule date to Thursday, April 4, 2024, to consent agenda.
- (b) Discuss/Approve payment of the City Clerks' graduation, retroactive to March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$150.00.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of March 19, 2024, and the Special Called minutes of March 22, 2024.
- (b) Approve Bill Dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to pay Prentiss County Chancery in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the Airport Agreement.
- (e) Approve to pay Prentiss County Development in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the Tuition Agreement.
- (f) Approve to pay MML in the amount of \$50.00 retroactive for registration for LaVaile Shields and Tara Lauderdale to attend the Ridgeland night class on April 25, 2024.
- (g) Approve for Oscar Joshlin, Carson Brunes, Paul Carpenter, Chris Lindley to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Association's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama July 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Total hotel \$2,974.24. Registration \$450.00 each. Meals \$177.00 each. Mileage \$451.25 each. Total Cost \$6,835.99.
- (h) Approve to pay fees for registering deeds for MDOT Phase II project in the amount of \$27.00 each with one payment being retroactive.
- (i) Approve to transfer \$1,255.25 from the Court Clerk Technology account to the



General account for supplies.

Alderman Lauderdale 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 for consideration, the recognition of Isabel Williford as Booneville's 2024 Miss Hospitality and Emily Yarber as the 2024 Little Miss Hospitality.

There next came on for consideration, John Caviness with an update on the Baby Box. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to add this to the next agenda once the main fire department building has been inspected to see if the baby box can be built there. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Gaston Baptist Church requesting approval to reserve the Hardware Building on April 28, 2024, and to waive the rental fee. 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting approval to advertise for re-bidding of #17A Fill Dirt. 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 resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Scranton Manufacturing Co., Inc. DBA New Way Trucks in the amount of \$10,896,384.01 for 2024-2033. Alderman Williams 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, a request was made for approval of the resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ACCO Brands USA, LLC in the amount of \$9,174,602.16 for 2024-2033. 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 resolution for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for West Lake Pipe & Fitting Corporation (AKA North American Pipe Corporation) in the amount of \$678,496.00 for 2024-2033. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this



issue, 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 pay Moore Engineering Company in the amount of \$9,000.00, for the East Lake Drainage Project. Alderman Williams made a motion to pay, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Next, Alderman Williams again made a motion for approval to pay Moore Engineering Company in the amount of \$9,000.00, for the East Lake Drainage Project. This was 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 CCE to advertise receiving bids for Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Program; MDEQ Agreement No. 496-2-CW-5.5. 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 Wooden Hardware Building Tables in the amount of \$2,500.00. These tables were original to the building. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to hire umpires at a rate of \$35.00 per game. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill made a request to hire the list of seasonal employees. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval for a pay increase for Matthew Brown to \$12.95 per hour, effective February 26, 2024, for completing



the Fire Academy. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the Sewer Project. Three (3) bids were received. One bid was from Eubank Construction Company in the amounts of: Site A--\$83,069.00; Site B--\$85,782.50; and Site C--\$110,440.00 for a total of \$279,291.50. One bid was from Ensore, LLC in the amounts of: Site A--\$86,489.50; Site B--\$78,536.50; Site C--\$103,300.00 for a total of \$268,326.00. One bid was from Buzz Plaxico Dozer Service in the amounts of: Site A--\$112,016.49; Site B--\$144,858.24; Site C--\$93,600.24 for a total of \$350,474.97. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Ensore, LLC, in the amounts of: Site A--\$86,489.50; Site B--\$78,536.50; Site C--\$103,300.00 for a total of \$268,326.00 when all bid amounts have been checked correctly. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 Willie Gann as an Auxiliary Officer, effective immediately, pending drug screening. 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 Jonathan Timbes as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.20 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screening. Alderman Miller 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to post for seasonal help. 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 purchase a full-page Ad in the Banner Independent for the Sports Magazine in the amount of \$650.00. 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 to add a work session reschedule date for April 4, 2024, to the consent agenda. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and



with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. The following topics will be discussed:

- (a) Adding dilapidated properties.
- (b) Update on paving and
- (c) Garbage pickup.

Next, a request was made for approval of payment of the City Clerks' graduation, retroactive to March 28, 2024, in the amount of \$150.00. 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 go into closed session to discuss a Business License matter. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 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 stated that no action was taken.

Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss a matter in the Police Department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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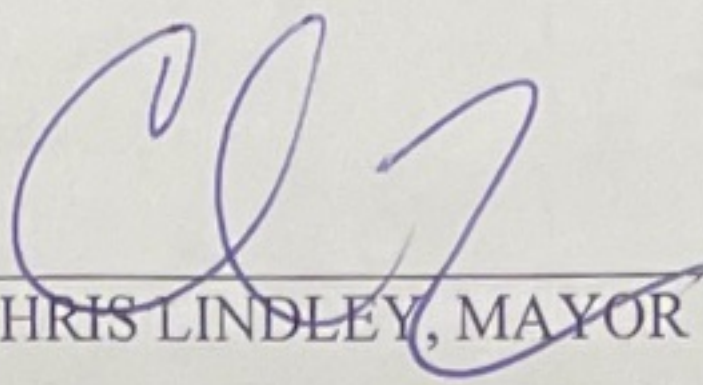
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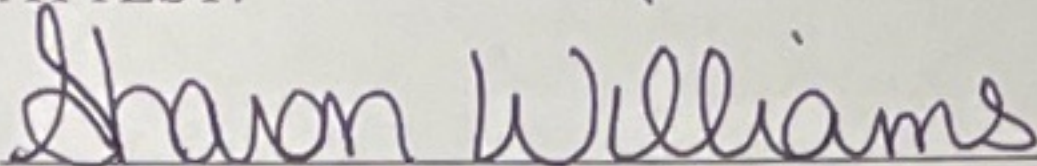
Next, a reminder was made regarding the Hospitality ARTS Festival which will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024.



With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Shields 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