

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
February 20, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of February 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, February 20, 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: Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Mayor Lindley was unable to be present, Alderman Shields acted in the role of Mayor Pro Tem. 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 Pro Tem Shields, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jeff Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Lauderdale.

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

- (a) Approve to pay interest on the Construction Loan for the Police Department Building in the amount of \$5,457.30 to Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve to add the item to the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, 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 February 6, 2024, work session minutes of February 1, 2024, and special called minutes of February 12, 2024.
- (b) Approve to pay Canon Financial in the amount of \$509.80 for city wide monthly printer bill of January 2024.
- (c) Approve to pay Crossway Trucking in the amount of \$2,044.50.
- (d) Approve to reimburse Carolyn Jones \$56.58 for 2017, 2018, and 2019 taxes on a property that was double assessed.
- (e) Approve to pay Modern Marketing in the amount of \$421.18 for Police Department Supplies.
- (f) Approve for Chris Lindley, LaVaile Shields, and Sharon Williams to sign all loan documents for the new Police Department.
- (g) Approve for Baptist Hospital to reserve the Hardware Building for February 19, 2024, retroactively.
- (h) Approve Rusty Whatley, Jon Hill, Sedrick Brown, Connor Presley, Thomas Burcham, Wesley Ward, and Chris Lindley to attend the MRPA in Oxford, MS on February 28, 2024. Registration is \$30.00 each totaling \$210.00. Travel card



provided.

- (i) Approve to accept resignation of Nathanael Jones effective February 16, 2024.
- (j) Chris Lindley, Paul Carpenter, and Oscar Joshlin \$59.00 each for the meals for the MS Natural Gas Tradeshow on January 24, 2024.

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 on for consideration, James and Queenie Christian requesting approval of the waiving of the fee for the football field for a non-profit event for 0% Youth Camp on June 22, 2024. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the waiving of the fee upon the proof of the Camp's 501(c)(3). This was seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 allow Cook Coggin Engineers to advertise for the horizontal pressure filter for the MCWI Grant. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Marketing & Advertising in the amount of \$4,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 for approval of a resolution for a George E. Allen reception in the amount of \$2,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to terminate the charge of \$5.00 per month for Sprinkler-Maintenance Fee for all sprinkler accounts, effective March 1, 2024. 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 post for a Meter Reader at the rate of \$14.00 per



hour. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to accept the lowest and best quote for connecting water mains at Gaston. Two (2) quotes were received. One quote was from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$6,900.00. A second quote was received from Buzz Plaxico in the amount of \$9,500.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$6,900.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for the approval to accept the resignation of Bryson Asher as Water Crew Leader effective February 23, 2024. 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 approval to post for a job opening for Water Crew Leader. Alderman Miller 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval for Carson Barnes to attend the gas classes. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to accept the resignation of Walter Christie as a full-time Police Officer effective February 23, 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 approval to post for a full-time Police Officer. Alderman Miller 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 discussion regarding 704 North Smith Street needing to be cleaned up.

There next came on for consideration, a request to declare a work session for March 4,



2024. 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 pay interest on the Construction Loan for the Police Department Building in the amount of \$5,457.30 to Farmers & Merchants Bank. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

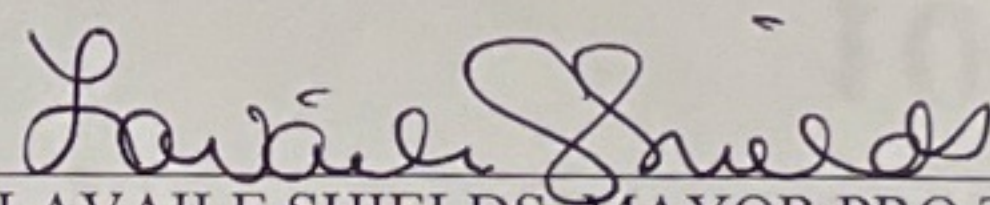
Next, a request was made to go into closed session in General Government. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

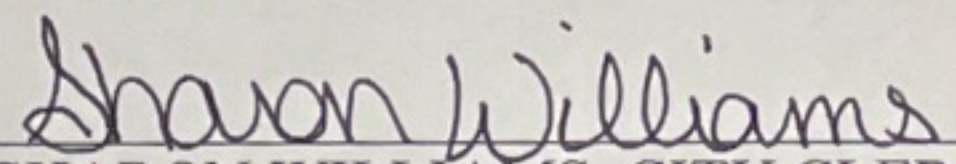
Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

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

  
LAVAILE SHIELDS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK