

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

February 6, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of February 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, February 6, 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 (by phone), 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 Caviness.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brent Sappington.

There first 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 January 23rd, 2024, special called minutes 1-30-24 and work session of 2-1-24.
- (b) Approve bill dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to transfer \$2,000.00 from Tax Redemption fund to General Fund.
- (e) Approve to transfer \$4,919.21 from HB 1353 to General Fund.
- (f) Approve to pay the FMBank PD Loan in the amount of \$9,711.04.
- (g) Approve to pay Riverside Traffic Systems in the amount of \$46,222.85 from the Modernization account for road striping.
- (h) Approve Sharon Williams to attend the Spring Clerk Conference in Oxford February 20-23, 2024, with lodging in the amount of \$409.14 and milage in the amount of \$87.23.
- (i) Approve to pay Burns Dozer in the amount of \$19,500.00 for a partial payment on the basketball courts.
- (j) Approve to pay Unemployment Cost Solutions in the amount of \$6,846.51 for the 4th Quarter of 2023.
- (k) Approve to pay Axon in the amount of \$11,813.40 and \$749.00 for cameras and hardware.
- (l) Approve to pay PM Environmental in the amount of \$5,944.64 for the Tourism project grant management.

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

There next came for consideration, the waiving of the Hardware Building fee for the Jumpertown School senior prom on April 12, 2024, and reimbursing the payment already made. 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 on for consideration, the request of John Caviness planning a run on April 6th, 2024, during the Arts Festival as a fundraiser for the Safe Haven Baby Box. Alderman Williams 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 General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval to for Courtney Moore to work from home remotely. 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 of a beer permit for The Getaway Bar & Grill. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for the approval of extending the construction loan with FMBank for one month retroactive to 2-2-24, with City Clerk Sharon Williams signing the extension. 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 for consideration, Paul Carpenter with the Water & Sewer Department requesting approval to advertise for bids on North Street sewer, Parkwood Grove sewer, and a creek crossing Townhouse Road. Alderman Williams made a motion to advertise for said bids, 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 on the pump for the central lift station. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Hyde Service in the amount of \$36,910.00. A second bid was received from Red River Pump Specialist in the amount of \$37,379.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Hyde Service in the amount of \$36,910.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve to advertise for bids on the Hwy 30 & Hwy 145 lift station. Alderman Williams made a motion to advertise for said bids, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 to advertise for bids for the double feeder lines for Blackland. Alderman Hicks made a motion to advertise for said bids, this was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, Kenny White, with the Street Department, requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the East Lake Street drainage project. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$162,620.00. A second bid was received from Buddy Ayers Construction in the amount of \$111,209.00. Alderman Miller made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Hicks and the motion was defeated by a vote of 5-0.

Alderman Hicks made a motion to move this item to the next work session. This was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came for consideration, James McChristian, with the IT Department, requesting approval to get quotes for City Cellular Devices for all departments. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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The board discussed the old Sunflower building and it needing to be cleaned up.

The board also discussed stopping the \$5.00 + service/maintenance fee on sprinkler meters. 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, Mayor Chris Lindley requesting approval to sign a subgrant agreement. 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 to go into closed session to discuss a gas rate issue. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

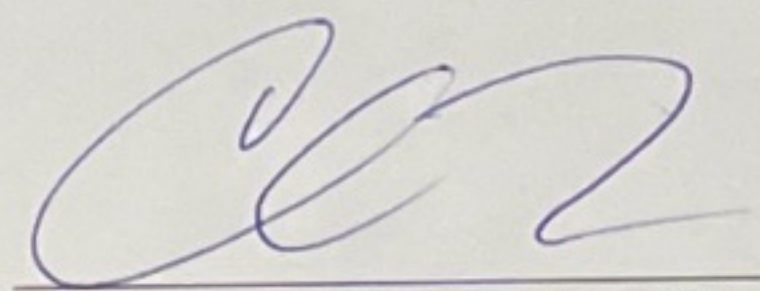
While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Back in open session, a motion was made by Alderman Williams, for City Attorney Daniel Tucker to request an Attorney General's opinion, to determine what the board could legally do concerning the effected customer gas rates between the years 2019-2022. This was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

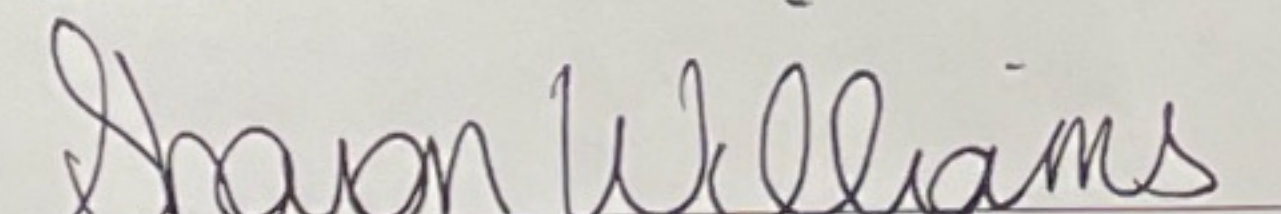
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With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK