

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

January 23, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of January 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 5:30 pm, at Booneville City Hall, the time and place for said meeting. The meeting was carried over day to day, from January 16, 2024, due to snow/ice storm.

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 Jarius Maxey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James McChristian.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
- (b) Approve to pay David Moore for City Engineer Services for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$400.00.
- (c) Approve to transfer \$1,523.78 from fire code to fire protection retroactive to January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- (d) Approve James Johnson to attend the Rope Rescue Technician course at the MS State Fire Academy June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at a cost of \$365.00 with meals \$98.35 and use of City travel card.
- (e) Approve Paul Phillips to attend the Vehicle Extrication & Rescue Technician at the MS State Fire Academy at a cost of \$400.00 with meals \$98.35 and use of City travel card.
- (f) Approve Jerius Maxey to attend the Instructors Training Conference in South Havan March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at a cost of \$175.00, lodging at \$338.00, Meals \$177.00 and use of City travel card.
- (g) Approve Chris Mathis to attend the Fire Ground Leadership course at the State Fire Academy February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at a cost of \$360.00 with meals \$98.35 and use of City travel card.
- (h) Approve CPR class for firefighters at \$10.00 per person.
- (i) Approve Driver Operator Course to be taught in house to 11 firefighters at a total of \$1,964.00.



- (j) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the MMSA Director's Conference in Ocean Springs, MS on January 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Meals \$236.00, Mileage \$454.26, Room \$258.00.
- (k) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the MMSA meeting in Jackson, MS on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Meals \$59.00 Mileage \$272.02.
- (l) Approve for Gas & Water to pay the annual Administrative Fee to First National Bank of Clarksdale in the amount of \$1,940.00.
- (m) Approve for Paul Carpenter, Oscar Joshlin, Lisa Stennett, and Chris Lindley to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Annual Trade Show in Tupelo MS. Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Registration is \$250.00 per person. Pay Mileage to Lisa Stennett \$38.75. Total cost is \$1,038.75 plus use of City vehicles.

Alderman 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 on for consideration, Sandy Donahue with George E. Allen Library requesting approval to hire Billie Butler as a part-time Clerk at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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, the request of Betsy Nicholson with the American Red Cross, requesting approval of a donation of \$3,000.00 to their organization. Alderman Hicks 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Williams requesting approval to re-advertise for Hot Mix Asphalt #1A due to no bids received. 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 to re-advertise for Hot Mix Bituminous Pavement per 100 ton #2A due to no bids received. 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 to accept the lowest and best bid for 3 Inch Rock #3A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. A second bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$34.00



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per ton. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for #7 State Certified Washed Rock #4A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$37.00 per ton. A second bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$28.00 per ton. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$28.00 per ton. 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 approval to accept the lowest and best bid for #57 Rock #5A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. A second bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$34.00 per ton. Alderman Hicks made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. 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 re-advertise for Spot Sealing Per Mile #6A due to no bids received. 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 to re-advertise for DBST per ton #7A due to no bids received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Crusher Run #8A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$32.00 per ton. A second bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. Alderman Hicks made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$26.75 per ton. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Rip Rap (100 and 200 lb. Rock) #9A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$30.00 per ton. A second bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$38.00 per ton. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$30.00 per ton. 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 to re-advertise for Culverts from 8-60 inches, price per foot including all elbows, tees, and bands #10A due to no bids received. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Surge #11A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$38.00 per ton. A second bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$30.00 per ton. Alderman Miller made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$30.00 per ton. 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Clay Gravel #12A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$13.00 per ton. A second bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$18.00 per ton. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Crossway Trucking at the rate of \$13.00 per ton. This was 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Gasoline including tank wagon price regular unleaded, and premium #13A. One bid was received from Prince Oil at the rates of \$2.429 per gallon for regular, at posted tank wagon price, excluding taxes and at \$2.539 per gallon for premium, at posted tank wagon price, excluding taxes. Alderman Miller made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Prince Oil, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



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Next, a request was made for approval to accept the lowest and best bid for Diesel Fuel #14A at the rate of \$2.779 per gallon for diesel, at posted tank wagon price excluding taxes.

One bid was received. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Prince Oil, 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Full-Service Oil Changes/Services of City Vehicles and Light Trucks #15A. One bid was received from Castrol Oil at the rate of \$47.99 per oil change, plus \$5.00 per quart, for each additional quarter after 5. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Castrol Oil, seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 Full-Service Synthetic Oil Change with 5 quarts of oil and an amount for each additional quart #16A. One bid was received from Castrol Oil at the rate of \$56.99 per oil change, plus \$6.50 per additional quart after 5. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid received from Castrol Oil, 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 Fill Dirt #17A. Two (2) bids were received. One bid was received from Booneville Trucking at the rate of \$6.22 per yard. A second bid was received from Ricky Thompson at \$60.00 per load or yard. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this discussion, 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 School Board member. 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 add Field Top Dressing Sand, per yard, to the annual bid list. 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 receive bids on Field Top Dressing Sand,



per yard. 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 the Miss Hospitality Local Competition in the amount of \$1,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 resolution for Marketing and Advertising in the amount of \$2,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 a resolution for the Live Music Downtown and Car Show in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 a resolution for the Spring Open House event in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 for approval of a resolution for the Partnership with MS Hills Heritage Alliance in the amount of \$4,900.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism 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 the Hospitality ARTS Festival in the amount of \$10,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the



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Tourism Board. 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 for Lori Tucker to sign the Federal Financial Report for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) once it is evaluated by the City Attorney. 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 post for part-time Summer and Seasonal help. Alderman Hicks 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to promote Shawn Presley to Firefighter 1 at \$12.95 per hour, retroactive to December 16, 2023. 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 promote Micah Posey to Firefighter 1 at \$12.95 per hour, retroactive to December 16, 2023. Alderman Hicks 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 post for a Firefighter. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to terminate Annetta Martin as a full-time Police Officer, effective immediately. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

#### BOARD REPORT



Alderman Williams expressed that we needed to look at getting more equipment that would help us deal with a snow/ice storm, like the one that just hit us.

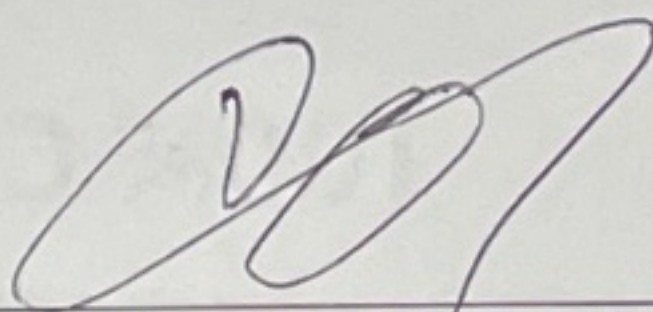
There next came on for consideration, Mayor Chris Lindley requesting approval to purchase an Ad from the Banner Independent for the Annual Visitor's Guide in the amount of \$650.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to reschedule the work session of January 15, 2024, to February 1, 2024, with the following items to be discussed.

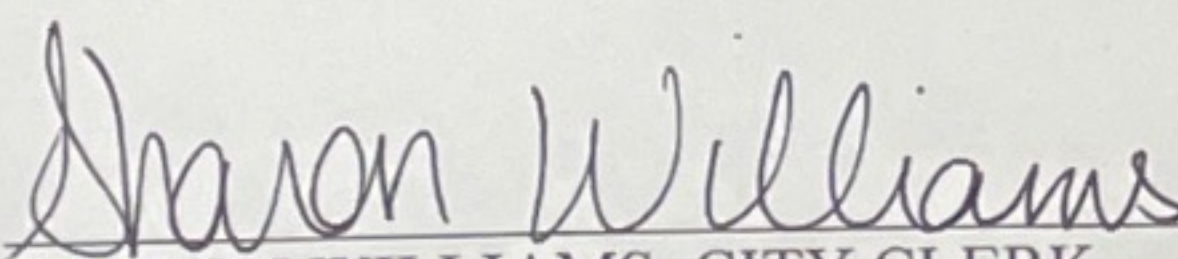
- 1) Mockingbird Water Bill
- 2) MAP Gas Bill
- 3) AT&T
- 4) Old Sunflower Building
- 5) Park Fees
- 6) Quotes for Double Feed Blackland
- 7) Signage and Banners Guidelines
- 8) MaxxSouth
- 9) Pumping Stations Throughout City
- 10) Water and Sewer Fees
- 11) Sprinkler Fees

Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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