

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
March 19, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of March 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 19, 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 Daniel Tucker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Hicks.

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

- (a) Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve to add the item 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 February 5, 2024.
- (b) Approve to transfer \$335.50 from the General account to the Special Assessment account in regard to a deposit error into wrong account retroactive.
- (c) Approve for LaVaile Shields and Tara Lauderdale to attend the Exploring Common Municipal Laws in Ridgeland, MS on April 25, 2024. Mileage \$278.72 each.
- (d) Approve to accept the resignation of Scott Caldwell as a full-time Police Officer, effective March 22, 2024.
- (e) Approve to accept the resignation of Briley Strickland as a full-time Police Officer, effective March 22, 2024.
- (f) Approve for Sharon Williams and Courtney Moore to attend Workman's Comp Class in Starkville, MS on April 18, 2024. Mileage \$130.00 each.
- (g) Approve to pay Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$3,793.58 for taser supplies.
- (h) Approve resignation of Lisa Stennett, effective April 5, 2024.
- (i) Discuss/Approve to pay \$40.00 annual dues to Prentiss County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Alderman Shields 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, Leon Hays with the Prentiss County Development Association requesting the waiving of the Hardware Building fee for their Industrial Appreciation Dinners on April 1, 2024 and April 24, 2024. 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, Chris Murphy requesting approval for City Engineer David Moore and Department Heads to review and come up with plan to fix issues with the water, sewer, and city easement. 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, Karen Allen requesting the waiving of the Hardware Building fee for the Jumpertown Prom on April 11-12, 2024. 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting 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 years 2024-2033. 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 accept bid for Hot Mix. One bid was received from WG Construction Company for 100-ton minimum at \$185.00 per ton. 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 post for the Booneville Housing Authority Board Member. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Spring & Summer Planters & Décor in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution has 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 Summer Movie Nights and Rec Games in the amount of \$3,000.00. This resolution has 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.

There next came on for consideration, Charles Sanders with the Public Property Department, requesting approval to pay the last payment to Roberts' Builders in the amount of \$61,699.04. No action was taken.

There next came on for consideration, Lisa Stennett with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to hire Clay Hunter as a Meter Reader at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 payment plan for Tina Rogers for a past due sewer & garbage bill at \$100.00 per month plus current bill. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to hire Jonathan Watkins as Water Crew at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 quote for a new lawn mower. The quotes were rejected so will need to re-bid with more specific specifications. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to hire Marty McCreary as a Pipe Fitter at the rate of \$14.00, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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, Chief Michael Ramey with the Police Department,

requesting approval to hire David Jeter as a Full-Time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 to send David Jeter to the Police Academy in Tupelo, MS on April 8, 2024. 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 to keep Briley Strickland as a Part-Time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour. Alderman Miller 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 Axon eTicket System at a cost of \$662.50 monthly. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this issue, 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 for a landfill rate increase. No action was taken, and this issue will be added to the work session.

There next came on for consideration, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requesting approval to purchase a half-page Ad in the Banner Independent's Annual Progress Edition in the amount of \$450.00. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was discussed that a work session will be scheduled for April 1, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. 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) Fred's Building.
- (b) Dog Park.
- (c) Garbage & Sewer rates.
- (d) Blake Jones.
- (e) Police Department vehicle.
- (f) Water & Sewer code.
- (g) Water rates.
- (h) City Manager.
- (i) Structure of Gas & Water Department.
- (j) Planning Commission.
- (k) Richardson Ditch.

(l) Tiger Oil Change.

Next, a request was made for approval for the Police Department Complex loan extension. 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 to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in the Police Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 Shields 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.

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

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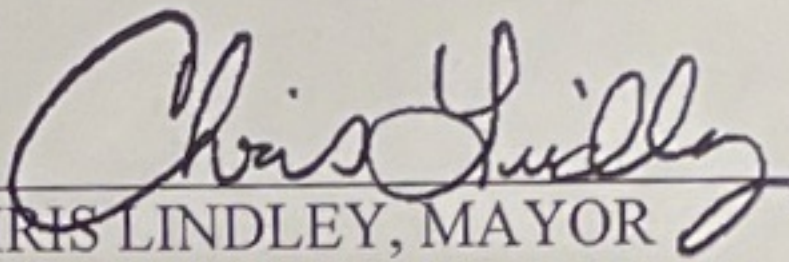
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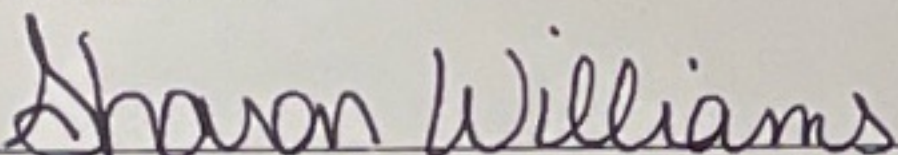
Next, the following reminders were made:

- (a) Spring Cleanup Day will be Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- (b) Spring Retail Open House "Shop Downtown & Around" will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (c) The Hospitality ARTS Festival 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK