

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

August 20, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of August 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., 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 Marty Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brenda Barnes.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of August 6th, 2024; Special Called Meeting August 12th, 2024; and Work Session August 12th, 2024.
- (b) Approve LaVaile Shields, Tara Lauderdale, Jimmy Hicks, Jeff Williams, and Chris Lindley to attend the Small Town Conference in Vicksburg, MS October 9th-10th, 2024. Registration: \$125.00 each, Meals: \$177.00 each, Mileage: \$351.08 each, Lodging: \$178.00 each.
- (c) Approve Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore to attend the Fall Municipal Clerk Conference in Oxford, MS September 11th-13th, 2024. Registration: \$300.00 each, Meals: \$177.00 each, Mileage: \$90.98 (Kelsey), Lodging: \$238.00.
- (d) Approve Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore to attend the CMO Elective Course "Last 6 Months in Office & Understanding Financial Statements" on September 12th, 2024, in Oxford, MS. Registration: \$25.00 each.
- (e) Approve Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore to attend the Fall Municipal Clerk Conference in Starkville, MS September 25th-27th, 2024. Registration: \$200.00 each, Meals: \$157.32 each, Mileage: \$129.17 (Kelsey), Lodging: \$358.00.
- (f) Approve to pay Roberts' Builders for completion of stone work on the PD complex in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- (g) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the 2024 Small Town Conference in Vicksburg, MS on October 9th-10th, 2024. Registration: \$125.00 Meals: \$177.00 Mileage: \$351.08 Lodging: \$178.00. (Expenses to be paid out of Tourism Travel Resolution).
- (h) Approve the resignation of Kenneth Prince as a full-time Firefighter effective August 8th, 2024.
- (i) Approve to reimburse Brian Goecke in the amount of \$40.00 for fuel.
- (j) Approve the resignation of Fred Washington as a full-time Police Officer effective July 26th, 2024.
- (k) Approve Sammy McGee to attend the Suicide Prevention class August 21st-22nd, 2024 in Corinth, MS. Registration: \$300.00 Meals: \$118.00 (all cost will be reimbursed).
- (l) Approve to pay MS Law Research Institute in the amount of \$315.00 to be paid out of the Court Technology account.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the items on 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 Committee of 100 Partners requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Sunflower Community Center for a reception following a banquet on August 24, 2024. A 501(C)(3) is on file. 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Booneville, the Prentiss County Board of Supervisors, and the Booneville School System. 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 of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ProVia, LLC in the amount of \$12,950,669.43. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue due to needing a position statement. 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 of the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Marathon Cheese in the amount of \$1,363,896.28. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval of a resolution to apply for a Small Town Grant to execute the Booneville Vibrancy Plans in the amount of \$75,000.00. The grant deadline is August 23, 2024. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 of a resolution for Mitchell Signs to provide signage repairs on the Booneville Hardware Building with their quote being the lowest and best quote in the amount of \$6,800.00. (This is to be paid out of Hardware Repairs to exteriors logo and mural resolution.) The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 Ladies Night Out Retail in the amount of \$3,500.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 of a resolution for Meet the Tigers Downtown in the amount of \$2,000.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 Tuesday Nights at the Triangle in the amount of \$4,000.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to hire Marty Barnes as a full-time Park Maintenance employee at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective immediately. 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, a request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 Hicks, 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.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval of the 2024 Interlocal Agreement between the City of Booneville and North Mississippi Narcotics for the purpose of continuing unified local enforcement of the Uniform Controlled

Substances Act. 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 hire Casey Wallace as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.20 per hour effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 hire Gregory Sockwell as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour effective immediately, pending drug screen. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval of a work session for budget discussion on Monday, August 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. 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 work session for Municode discussion on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. 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, a request to go into closed session for a personnel issue within the Police Department. 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 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

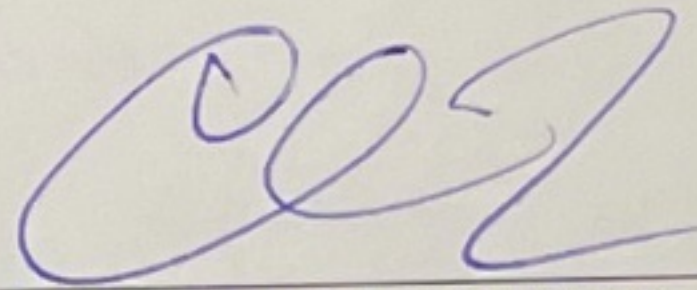
Back in open session, Police Chief Ramey made the recommendation that Bryon Parker go to part-time Patrolman at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, light duty only. His duties would include Bailiff, serving subpoenas, teaching D.A.R.E., and other related duties. Chief Ramey

stated that the Police Department does not have a full-time limited duty position. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, two announcements were made:

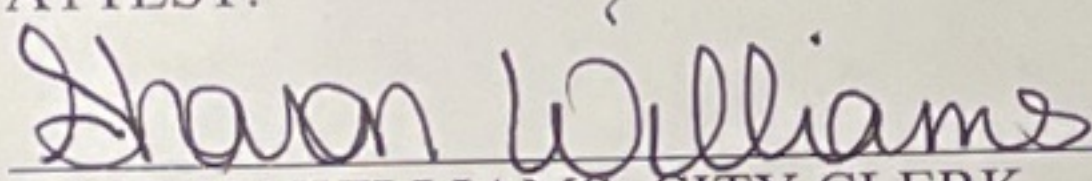
- 1) There will be a Back to School Block Party on August 22, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in downtown Booneville.
- 2) Meet the Tigers will be held August 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Triangle.

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