

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

December 17, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of December 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30 pm, in the Booneville Police Department, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Tara Lauderdale was absent. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Ramey, 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 Mayor Chris Lindley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman LaVaile Shields.

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

To approve paying 3 bills from Mac Lindsey

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

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of December 3, 2024
- (b) Approve Chris Lindley, Sharon Ramey, Lavaile Shields, Tara Lauderdale, Lori Tucker, Jeff Williams, and Jimmy Hicks to attend the mid-winter conference January 14-16. Lodging \$1727.28 for all. Meals \$207 each, Traavel \$296.14 each, and Registration \$150 each
- (c) Approve Sharon Ramey and Kelsey Moore to attend the CMC program in Oxford March 25-28. Registration \$300 each, Lodging \$389.13, Meals \$204 each, and Mileage \$107.20 each
- (d) Approve to pay annual Direct Member Dues to National League of Cities in the amount of \$1314.00
- (e) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the 2025 Legislative Conference in Jackson, MS February 5-6. Registration \$450.00, Lodging \$179.00, Meals \$136.00, and Travel \$301.50 to come out of the Tourism Resolution
- (f) Approve Jon Hill, Rusty Whatley, and Miranda Scott to attend the MRPA conference February 9-13 in Natchez, MS. Registration \$255.00 each, Meals \$340.00 each, Travel \$430.14 each, Lodging \$763.46 each to come from the Park Travel Resolution

- (g) Approve to pay USPS in the amount of \$120.00 for the post office for Gas & Water
- (h) Approve to pay Prince Oil in the amount of \$4959.75 for November bills (G&W)
- (i) Approve to pay Mac Lindsey three invoices in the amount of \$808.72, \$642.45, and \$6,012.27

Alderman Shields 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Ramey requesting approval for Utility Project at NEMCC using \$400,000 from the ARPA funding. Alderman Shields 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 Pressure Filter Project using \$700,380 from the ARPA funding. This project also requires an additional \$302,628 for an emergency generator, with partial funding from ARPA and the remaining coming from MCWI funding. 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 for approval for the Mayor to sign the documents with Cook Coggin Engineers, Inc. and the MCWI projects. Alderman Miller 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 the Holiday Carriage Rides Resolution in the amount of \$4,000.00. This resolution had been approved by the tourism board. Alderman Hicks 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Derrick Stevenson as a full time Fireman at \$13.21 per hour effective 12-18-2024. 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 promote Courtland Arnold to Fire Fighter 3 at \$14.00 per hour effective 12-18-2024. Alderman Hicks 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, Courtney Moore with Gas & Water, requesting approval for the new residential late fee policy effective 1-1-2025. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval of certification and promotion for personnel. Alderman Hicks made motion to table this request, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion was tabled.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey, requesting approval to apply for the 2025 Digital Forensics LTP Grant Program – Grant Option 3. City part would be \$6,995.00 City, Grant part of \$5,790.00 for a total of \$12,785.00, to proceed if Grant application is approved, and to be allowed to sign any and all documents necessary for said Grant. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the plan for the water Problem on Main Street concerning Craig Cleveland's building.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the cleanup of a burned house located at 507 Washington Street.

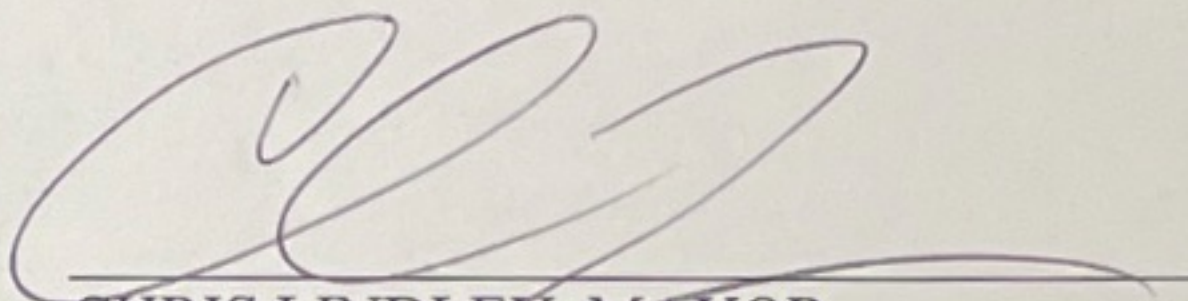
Next, under the Mayor's report, there was a request for approval to purchase the annual half page Merry Christmas/Happy New Year ad in the Banner Independent for \$425.00. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to approve the Don't Drink and Drive top banner ad in the Banner Independent for \$250.00 Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

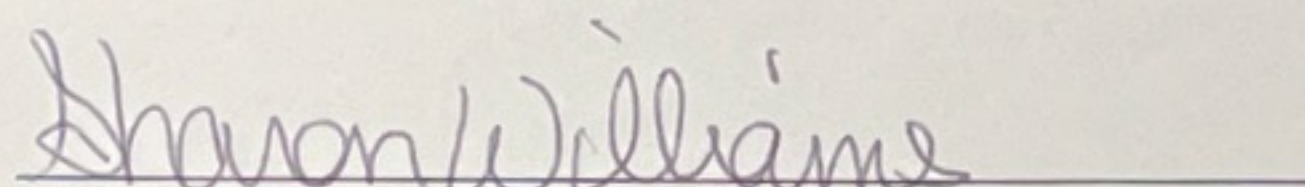
Next, a request to approve the correction of school district tax allocations. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Daniel Tucker, requesting approval to send a letter concerning property cleanup to Edge Auto located at 503B N College Street. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously passed.

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