

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
July 2, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of July 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, July 2, 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, several City employees, and members of the public. City Attorney Daniel Tucker participated by phone. 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 Brant Sappington.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve to pay EMC Insurance for property and casualty insurance in the amount of \$62,858.00.
- (b) Approve a work session for July 15, 2024, at 4:30.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve adding the items to the agenda, 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 to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve the board minutes of June 18, 2024.
- (b) Approve bill dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to reimburse James Page \$115.38 for supplies for CID.
- (e) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$12.00 for a tag.
- (f) Approve to reimburse the General Fund from Gas & Water for Courtney Moore attending MML: \$838.14 for meals; \$325.00 for registration; and \$1,105.00 for boarding totaling \$2,268.14.
- (g) Approve to pay First National Bank in the amount of \$512,975.00 for the Disposal System Rev. Bond.
- (h) Approve Paul Carpenter, Oscar Joshlin, Carson Brunes, and Chris Lindley to attend the MS National Gas Association 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL on July 10-12, 2024. Mileage: \$483.74 (paid only to Carson Brunes). Meals: \$207.00 each. Registration was previously approved for each.

Alderman Williams 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 community center for a Back-to-School Party on August 10, 2024. A 501(C)(3) is on file. 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 to donate to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$3,000.00. Alderman Williams 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval of a resolution to seek quotes for Holiday Carriage Rides. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to see quotes for garbage pickup. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to seek quotes for roof repair for the Maintenance Building. Alderman Williams 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 hire Mason Calimese as a Pipe Fitter at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screen. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for Leak Survey. Two bids were received. One bid

was from E. Daniels, LLC in the amount of \$13,210.00. The second bid was from Sullivan's Natural Gas Service in the amount of \$16,246.46. Alderman Shields made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from E. Daniels, LLC in the amount of \$13,210.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to allow Bryan McVey to attend gas classes. 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 the Wheeler Gas Expansion at a cost of \$5,500.00. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Jennifer Kennedy as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to pay EMC Insurance for property and casualty insurance in the amount of \$62,858.00. 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 work session for July 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. The work session agenda will be as follows:

- a) First Baptist Church parking lot (Mayor)
- b) Culvert & ditches (Kenny)
- c) Blocking roadway at Hardware Building (Kenny)
- d) West College/45 potential business (Mayor)
- e) Library cameras (James)
- f) Adams Street (Mayor)
- g) Rubbish (Mayor/Kenny)
- h) Subdivision ordinance (Mayor)
- i) Spay & Neuter Grant/Application (Mayor)
- j) Budget (Mayor)
- k) Architecture South Police Department Complex (Mayor)

Alderman Miller 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 to go into closed session to determine if and executive session was needed to discuss a personnel matter 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 Hicks, 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 Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, a request was made for approval to accept the resignation of Casey Wallace, upon receiving his written resignation. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

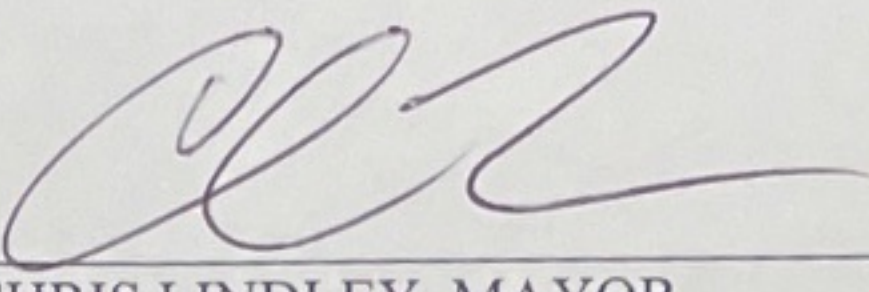
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel issue in the Water Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that no executive session was needed.

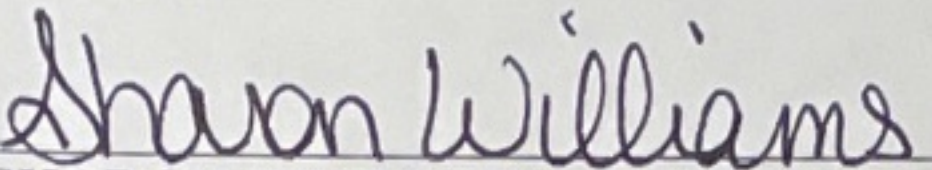
Alderman Miller made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, a request was made for approval to give Paul Carpenter a \$.50 raise per hour for completion of his Gas Certification. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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.

  
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CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK