

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
June 18, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of June 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 James Christian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Chris Lindley.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve to accept bids for the MCWI project.
- (b) Discuss/Approve to seek bids for gas line for North Road.
- (c) Discuss/Approve Economic Development Policy.
- (d) Discuss/Approve Zero Percent, Inc. (a 501C3) to use football field on June 22, 2024, with the city waiving the fee.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve adding the items to the 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 the board minutes of June 4, 2024 and Special Called minutes of June 4, 2024.
- (b) Approve the monthly adjustments for Gas and Water for the months of May and June.
- (c) Approve Kenneth Prince to take Hazmat Awareness & Operations July 29-August 15, 2024. Meals \$98.35 with use of City vehicle and fuel card.
- (d) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$12.00 for a tag for the new Street Department vehicle.
- (e) Approve to pay the balance of the Travel card in the amount of \$7,488.00 in preparation for MML.
- (f) Approve to pay the balance of the Petty Cash card in the amount of \$3,456.47 in preparation for MML.
- (g) Approve the resignation of Drew Copeland as a Police Officer effective June 18, 2024.
- (h) Approve the resignation of Briley Strickland as a part-time Police Officer, effective June 7, 2024.



- (i) Approve to pay Prince Oil in the amount of \$6,022.16 for invoices not being turned in on time to Gas & Water.
- (j) Approve Jerius Maxey to attend the Fire Prevention Conference July 10-12, 2024, at the Mississippi State Fire Academy. The conference is no cost to the City, meals \$177.00, hotel \$190.00, and use of City vehicle.
- (k) Approve Courtney Moore to attend the Natural Gas Association class in Orange Beach, Alabama July 10-12, 2024. Registration \$450.00; mileage \$483.74; meals \$177.00 and boarding \$1,895.44.
- (l) Approve Courtney Moore and Paul Carpenter to attend the Lead and Copper class in Oxford, Mississippi June 26, 2024. Meals \$59.00 each. Mileage for Courtney Moore \$92.46.
- (m) Approve to reimburse Carol Gomez \$10.97 for the purchase of a doorknob for the Animal Shelter.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda (with the exception of item k and asked that it be removed). This was 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 to increase payment for our interpreter, Patricia Cubillo, to \$60.00 per hour with a minimum of two (2) hours, and mileage at a rate of \$0.67 per mile. 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 to allow Sharon Williams to sign a credit application for Goodyear Commercial Tire & Service Center. Alderman Miller 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 for a Block Party for Youth in the amount of \$3,500.00. 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for the Fall Festival 2024 in the amount of \$40,000.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 of a resolution for Architectural Renderings/Belinda Stewart for the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant for the Hardware Building Project. 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.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to promote Conner Presley to Park Operator at the rate of \$14.10 per hour, effective June 28, 2024. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire H.L. Brinkley as a part-time Police Officer at the rate of \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 to hire Robert Cook II 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 to declare a work session for July 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this request, 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 Governor Reeves' proclamation for July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as holidays. 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 for the City to waive the usage fee for the football field for an event by Zero Percent, Inc. on June 22, 2024. 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 accept the lowest and best bid from James A. Hodges Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,633,556.10 for the MCWI project, with NEMCC paying \$34,611.50 toward the removal of the current underground pipe. 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 go into closed session to discuss the gas line for North Road. Alderman Shields 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 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

In open session it was announced that no action was taken.

Next, a request was made to table seeking bids for the gas line for North Road. 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 to table approving an Economic Development Policy. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

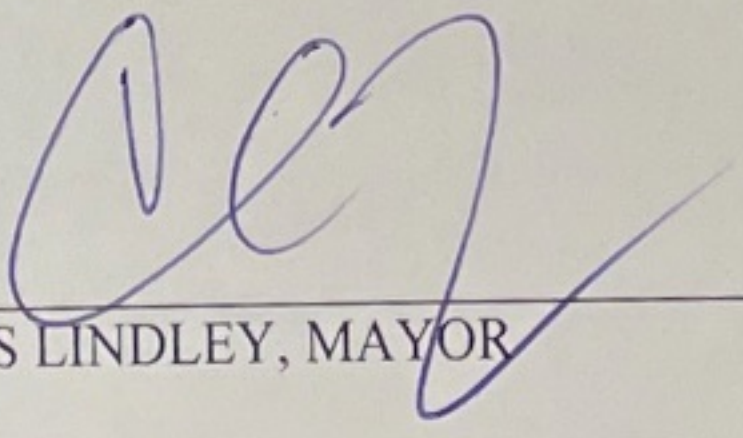
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue withing the Gas & Water Office. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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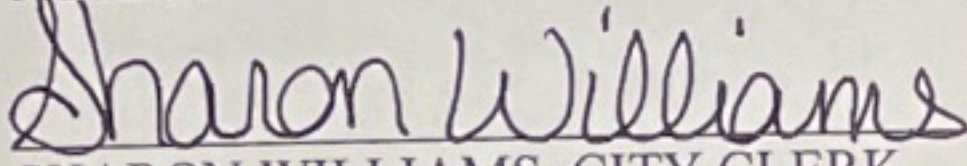
Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

In open session it was announced that no action was taken.

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