

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
JUNE 4, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Special Called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 4:40 p.m., at the Booneville City Hall.

Those in attendance were the following: 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 and City Attorney Daniel Tucker. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Chris Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jimmy Clyde Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Chris Lindley.

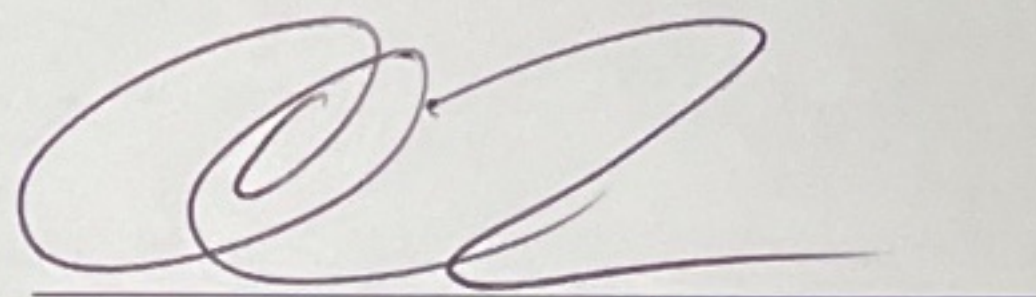
There first came on for consideration, a request for a closed session to see if an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

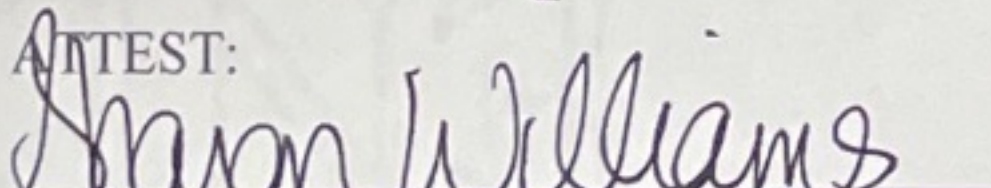
While in closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to go back into open session. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session it was announced interviews for a Booneville Housing Authority Board Member and the full-time Gas and Water Office Manager were conducted. For Housing Authority Board Member, Jeri Potts and Micah Moment were interviewed. For full-time Gas and Water Office Manager, Hannah Gibbs and Courtney Moore were interviewed. It was further announced that the election of the Board Member and the selection of the Gas and Water Office Manager would be conducted during the regular called meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Hicks, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
June 4, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of June 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mayor Chris Lindley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Jimmy Hicks.

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

- (a) Approve to go into closed session for billing issues at Gas & Water.
- (b) Approve to post for Deputy City Clerk with pay range \$15.80-\$16.80 depending on experience (depending on Gas & Water interviews).

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve to add the items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- (b) Approve Bill Dockets.
- (c) Approve Gas and Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to pay East Side Tire in the amount of \$536.05 for past due invoices.
- (e) Approve to refund Emily Rausch \$150.00 for switching her event from the Hardware Building to the West Side Community Center.
- (f) Approve Hunter Nanney and Kenneth Prince to take the MSTAT June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in the amount of \$20.00 each.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda (with the exception of item c, which she asked to be removed), seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, First United Pentecostal Church requesting approval to waive the fee on renting the Hardware Building for an event (date to be determined).



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, John Caviness with an update on Baby Box.

There next came on for consideration, the election of the Booneville Housing Authority Board Member. Ballots were cast by each Aldermen and the following vote was had:

Jimmy Hicks – Jeri Potts  
Tara Lauderdale – Jeri Potts  
Carolyn Miller – Jeri Potts  
LaVail Shields – Jeri Potts  
Jeff Williams – Jeri Potts

With a vote of 5 Aldermen for and 0 against, Jeri Potts was elected to serve as a Board Member for the Booneville Housing Authority.

There next came on for consideration, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting the approval of the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Marathon Cheese Corporation, in the amount of \$1,331,595.00. 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 for a Map Solutions Inc. ad, in the amount of \$1,000.00. 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.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to terminate the attached list of employees with good standing. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to accept quotes for the annual leak survey. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to accept the best and lowest quote for a 2022 Ford F-150 for a city vehicle. Three quotes were received. One quote was from Price Auto in the amount of \$35,000.00. The



second quote was from Southaven in the amount of \$40,000.00. The third quote was from Humbolt in the amount of \$45,956.00. Alderman Williams made said motion to accept the best and lowest quote from Price Auto in the amount of \$35,000.00, for a 2022 Ford F-150. This was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams requested an update on the Sunflower Park basketball court.

There next came on for consideration, under the Board report, City Attorney Daniel Tucker requesting the Board to approve the Final Plat for Parker Place, Phase 1. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, City Attorney Tucker requested a work session for Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss future development by builder and developer Brandon Barnes. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Chris Lindley addressed the Gas & Water billing issue. The Mississippi Attorney General's Office had issued an opinion that the City had to collect the outstanding balances in question. A copy of the Attorney General's Opinion is attached hereto.

Next, a request was made to appoint Courtney Moore as the office manager for the Gas & Water Department, effective immediately, at the pay rate of \$42,000.00 per year. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley discussed the property and casualty insurance rate increase. The rate increased from \$80,000.00 per year to \$106,000.00 per year. No action was taken.

There next came on for consideration, a request to post for the Deputy Clerk's position at the rate of \$15.80 to \$16.80 per hour, depending on experience. 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 regarding billing with the Gas & Water Department. 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 Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

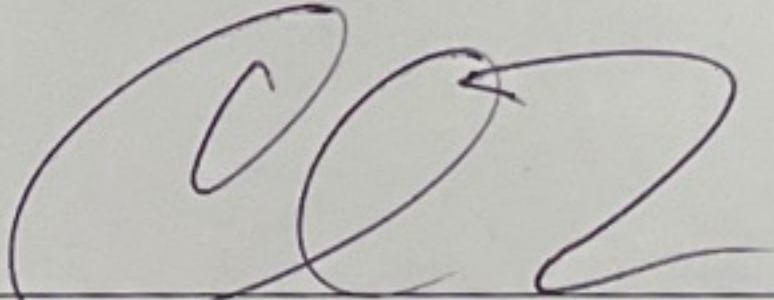
Alderman Shields made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Next, Mayor Lindley made the following announcements:

- The kickoff for the Grow at the Depot–Farmers' Market will be on June 6, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Truman Street.
- The ribbon cutting for Fantastic Finds Flea Market will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at 101 East Church Street.
- The ribbon cutting for Krazee Dawg Wine & Spirits will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

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