

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
May 21, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of May 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, May 21st, 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 LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Carolyn Miller was unable to attend. 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 Jon Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brent Sappington.

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

- (a) Approve to post for part-time cleaning/janitorial position.
- (b) Approve to accept best water treatment bid.
- (c) Approve to post for Gas & Water office manager.
- (d) Approve to open lift station bids.
- (e) Approve Daniel Tucker to request an AG opinion on drainage issues.
- (f) Approve MOU with Faith Harvest Church.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve to add the items to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with all the Alderman 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 7th, 2024.
- (b) Approve extra expenses for rooms in the amount of \$1,389.12 and extra expenses for food in the amount of \$531.00.
- (c) Approve for Junior Auxiliary to have roads blocked on June 8, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Father-Daughter Ball.
- (d) Approve to pay Crime Labs in the amount of \$60.00.
- (e) Approve James Johnson to attend Rope Rescue Technician June 3-6, 2024, in Pearl, MS Registration: \$365.00, Meals \$98.35, and use of city vehicle.
- (f) Approve to pay Visa Petty in the amount of \$66.75.
- (g) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$12.00 for a tag for the new Police Vehicle.
- (h) Approve to pay Scott Insurance in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Elected Officials Surety Bonds.

(i) Approve the resignation of Gary Grizzard Jr. effective May 24, 2024.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Chuck Crawford requesting approval for a variance for signage. Alderman Williams made said motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

There next came on for consideration, Beckley Chapel Church requesting approval to waive the fee on renting the East Side Community Center for an outside worship service. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all 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 accept the lowest and best bid for Fill Dirt. One (1) bid was received. It was from Ricky Thompson in the amount of \$70.00 per load (10 yards). Alderman Lauderdale made said motion pending proof of insurance, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval for Krazee Dawgs Wine & Liquor license. Alderman Williams 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 Tourism, requesting a motion to approve a resolution for the Vibrancy Plan in the amount of \$4,995.00. A resolution had been passed by the Tourism Board approving the same. 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 resolution for Travel in the amount of \$3,500.00. A resolution had been passed by the Tourism Board approving the same. 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 Dredgo Grove as a seasonal employee at Sunflower Park at \$11.00 per hour

effective immediately. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Gas & Water Department requesting approval to hire Shane Jackson as a water technician at \$15.00 an hour effective immediately pending drug screening. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to seek quotes for a city vehicle. Alderman Shields made said motion, this was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, under the Board report, a request to approve Chris Lindley as the voting delegate and LaVaile Shields as the alternate voting delegate at MML. 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 to approve to post for part-time cleaning/janitorial position at \$11.00 per hour. Alderman Shields made motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all the Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve Tybe Company LLC, as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$1,406,700.00 and the Additive Alternate in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the Water System Improvements Pressure Filter Replacement MCWI project number 525-2-DW-5.15. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve the posting for a Gas & Water Office Manager with pay depending on experience (\$40,000.00--\$45,000.00). Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of Eubanks Construction as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$254,940.00 for lift stations. Two (2) quotes were received. One quote was from Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$254,940.00. A second quote was received from JM Duncan Inc. in the amount of \$278,900.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best quote from Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$254,940.00. This was

seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve Daniel Tucker requesting an AG opinion on East Lake drainage issues. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve an MOU between the City of Booneville and Faith Harvest Church stating, in exchange for a permanent and temporary construction easement, the City of Booneville will maintain the ditch along the back of the church's property on North Third Street, PPIN 7236. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

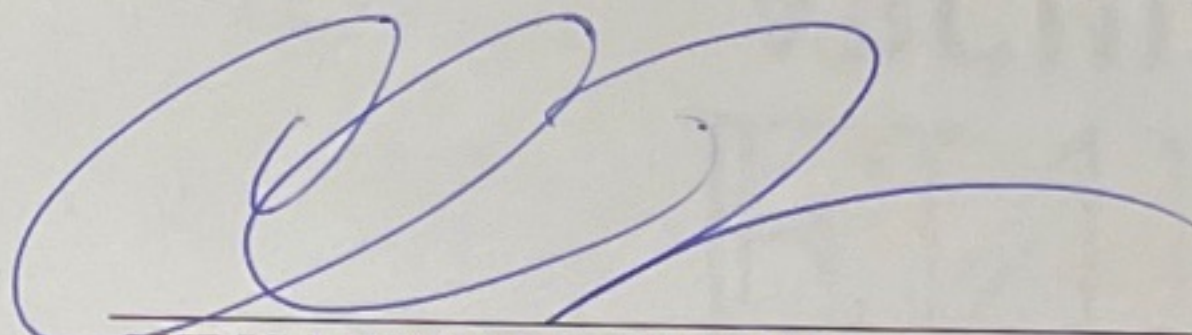
Next, a request was made to go into closed session regarding a personnel issue within the Gas Department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman 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.

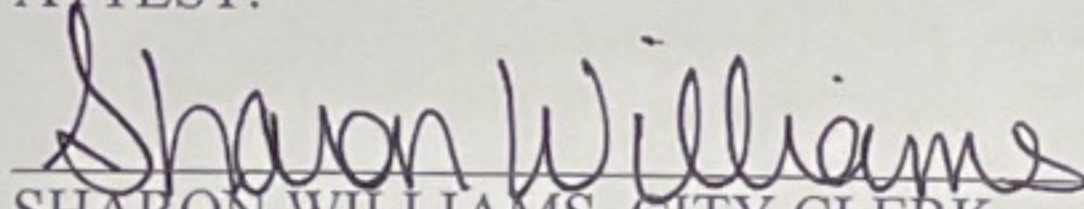
Back in open session, a request was made to approve giving Oscar Joslin a raise of \$0.50 per hour due to obtaining his gas certification hours. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK