

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
May 7, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of May 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, May 7, 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: Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Mayor Lindley was present by phone, Alderman Shields acted in the role of Mayor Pro Tem. 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 Pro Tem Shields, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jimmy Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tara Lauderdale.

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

- (a) Approve the board minutes of April 16th, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Bill Dockets.
- (c) Approve the Gase & Water adjustments.
- (d) Approve to pay Mississippi Municipal League in the amount of \$70.00 for Tara Lauderdale and LaVaile Shields graduation certificate.
- (e) Approve for Annissa Perkerson to attend dispatch training in Canton, MS May 19-21, 2024. Lodging \$194.00 Meals \$177.00.
- (f) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$24.00 for a tag for the Public Property and Sewer Department vehicle.
- (g) Approve to pay the MSRWA \$150.00 for filing of the CCR Water Report.
- (h) Approve the Carleigh Vick Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid out of the DARE account.
- (i) Approve the resignation of David Jeter effective April 29, 2024.
- (j) Approve the resignation of John Ferrell effective May 1, 2024.
- (k) Approve Oscar Joshlin, Paul Carpenter, Chris Lindley, and Carson Brunes to attend the MS Damage Prevention Summit Gas meeting in Biloxi, MS November 6-8, 2024. Registration \$259.00 per person Room \$159.98 per person Meals \$177.00 per person Travel with Chris Lindley taking city vehicle \$451.25 per person.
- (l) Approve to pay FMBank \$4,912.55 for interest on Police Department loan.
- (m) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the 40th State MMSA Annual Banquet June 19-20, 2024, in Jackson, MS. To be paid out of Tourism.
- (n) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the 2024 Miss Hospitality Competition July 12-13, 2024, in Jackson, MS. To be paid out of Tourism resolution.
- (o) Approve to transfer \$35.20 from the DARE account to the General account for DARE supplies.
- (p) Approve to transfer \$860.51 from the Court Clerk Technology account to the General account for supplies.

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

There next came on for consideration, a request to hire Katelyn Patrick as part-time library clerk with starting pay at \$11.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Hunter Walton with Project Domino Effect, requesting to waive the Hardware rental for Project Domino Effect to host an event on October 3rd, 2024. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the Hardware rental fee for the Junior Auxiliary to hold a Father Daughter Ball on June 8th, 2024. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Teneisha Shinault to approve the Juneteenth celebration. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all the Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting to repost to receive applications for an open position within the housing authority. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Then came on for consideration, a request was made to approve Chris Lindley and/or Sharon Williams signing the MSDH grant documents. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

Next, Sharon Williams requesting approval for action plan and partnership list for MSDH. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting to hire Kadon Smith as a part-time seasonal employee with starting pay at \$11.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hick, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

Next, Jon Hill requesting approval to post for a full-time park maintenance position at \$13.00 to \$14.00 per hour based on experience. Alderman Miller 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, Bobby Agnew with the Fire Department, requesting approval to hire Hunter Nanney as a firefighter at \$12.45 per hour effective May 9, 2024, pending a drug

screen, with an increase in pay to \$12.95 per hour once completion of certification. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Bobby Agnew made a request to approve hiring Kenneth Prince as a firefighter at \$12.45 per hour effective May 10, 2024, pending a drug screen, with an increase in pay to \$12.95 per hour once completion of certification. Alderman Miller 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, Gas & Water Office, requesting approval to preapprove payments to City Hall. Alderman Hicks 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, Michael Ramey with the Police Department, requesting approval to hire Davon Wilder as a part-time police office at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Michael Ramey made a request to approve hiring Monique Loftis as a full-time police office at \$17.20 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Michael Ramey made a request to table the hiring Cody Moore as a part-time police office at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Michael Ramey made a request to approve hiring Patrick Wallace as a full-time police office at \$17.20 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Michael Ramey requested approval for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle, with said vehicle being a 2024 Dodge Durango. He received two quotes, one from Cannon Motors in the amount of \$42,308.00 and the second from Kirk Auto Sales in the amount of \$42,875.00. A motion was made to accept the quote from Cannon Motors with Alderman Williams making said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen all present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jeff Williams came to discuss cleaning up the sidewalks throughout the city.

Next, a request was made to approve a \$0.50 raise for Jerius Maxey for completing his bachelor's degree in Fire Emergency Management. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was discussed that a work session will be scheduled for May 20, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., Alderman Hicks made motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all the Alderman present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried. The following topics will be discussed:

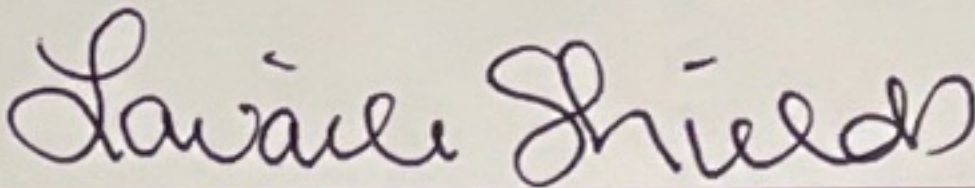
- (a) Full -Time cleaning position
- (b) Seal Coating PD parking lot
- (c) Garbage contract
- (d) Pizza Factory alley/street lighting
- (e) Subdivision construction plans
- (f) Public Protest
- (g) EMR guidelines for FD
- (h) Cook-Coggins water treatment bid
- (i) Rumble strips on 302 Washington Street
- (j) Sink holes at George E. Allen Residence
- (k) Garbage/Rubbish pick-up
- (l) Phase 4 street paving
- (m) Dilapidated houses update
- (n) Gas & Water position
- (o) Garbage pick-up
- (p) East Lake drainage
- (q) MOU with Faith Harvest Church.

Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously passed.

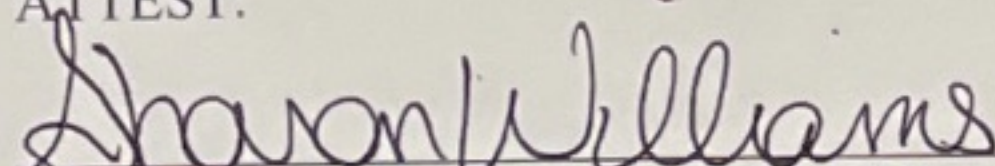
Next, Kent Geno gave an update on the various city projects that are ongoing.

Next, a reminder was made regarding the ribbon cutting for Fantastic Finds Flea Market on June 7th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


LaVaile Shields, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK