

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
OCTOBER 1, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of October 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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 Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Tara Lauderdale. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Williams, 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 Jimmy Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Lindley.

There first came on for consideration, the to add to the agenda 1) the approval of the resignation of Amber Davis as Administrative Assistant and 2) to post for an Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$14.00-\$15.00 depending on experience. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously passed.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of Regular meeting August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Special Call September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Special Call September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Regular meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024; Special Call September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024; Work Session September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- (b) Approve to pay FMBank for the fire truck loan payment from the fire protection account in the amount of \$43,149.14.
- (c) Approve bill dockets.
- (d) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- (e) Approve lodging for Michael Ramey, Trey Slaton, and Sammy McGee for the 911 Conference in Biloxi, MS in the amount of \$809.91 total.
- (f) Approve the resignation of Craig Wilmoth as a part-time fire fighter effective September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- (g) Approve the resignation of O'Haji Davis as a part-time firefighter effective September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- (h) Approve the resignation of Derrick Hindo as a part-time firefighter effective September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.
- (i) Approve to the pay the 2023 taxes on 107 Marietta St. in the amount of \$1,400.00 (donated property).
- (j) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the Economic Vitality Training on November 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Meridian, MS Registration: \$25.00.
- (k) Approve to pay State of Mississippi for the water operator license of Michael Crenshaw in the amount of \$75.00.



- (I) Approve for Courtney Moore to attend classes in Oxford, MS on March 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Registration: \$300.00.

Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the items on 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, Cathy Davis requesting approval to close the streets at the Hardware building for a wedding on November 9, 2024. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came on for consideration, Modern Woodman requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building for October 24, 2024. Their 501(c)(3) is on file. 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting approval of the board to name Cook Coggin as the engineer for the Wynegar Road Project. 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 open a new bank account for the Wynegar Road project. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval of a resolution for a Mural at the Hardware Building in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 Marketing and Advertising in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Tourism Board had already approved said resolution. 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 for approval of a resolution for the Holiday Open House in the amount of \$4,000.00. 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for the Christmas Parade in the amount of \$3,000.00. 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of the MOA with First Baptist Church for the use of the green space near cadence Bank during the Fall Festival 2024. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to hire Aaron Yurchak as a soccer referee at the rate of \$35.00 per game. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office, requesting approval to sign a garbage contract with Waste Management. 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 to sign the Kinder Morgan Pipeline agreement. 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 hire Tommy Pannell as a seasonal employee retroactive as of April 15, 2024, with his season ending October 15, 2024, at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to receive quotes to repair the roof on the Gas & Water maintenance shop. 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 approve a \$0.50 raise for Michael Crenshaw for completion of certification. Alderman Williams voted Aye with the remaining board voting Nay. With a vote of 4 against and one for, the motion failed.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this issue of a \$0.50 raise for Michael Crenshaw until the budget could be reviewed, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to approve a \$0.50 raise for Paul Carpenter for completion of Class D operator certification. 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, a request was made to receive quotes for a Scada system for waterways. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval for the ground bed for West College Street. He received two quotes, one from Sullivan Natural Gas Service in the amount of \$12,500.00 and the second from Gas Innovation Solutions in the amount of \$12,549.44. A motion was made to accept the low quote from Sullivan Natural Gas Service with Alderman Shields making said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen all present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to post for a pipe fitter at the rate of \$14.00-\$15.00 per hour depending on experience. Alderman Shields 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, Michael Ramey, with the Police Department, requesting approve A \$0.50 raise per hour for completion of certification. 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.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian, with the IT department, requesting approval for Network Plus training at the government rate of \$999.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.



Next, under the Board Report, a request was made for Tuition Assistance to be added to the agenda to be paid. 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 pay the tuition assistance in the amount of \$20,000.00. 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 purchase a 1/2-page yearbook ad for Jumpertown School in the amount of \$90.00. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Lindley requested approval to make a donation to Prentiss County Soil and Water Conservation District for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000.00. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

It was announced that the 2024 Fall Festival would be held on October 19, 2024, located in downtown Booneville.

Next, a request was made to accept the resignation of Amber Davis effective October 11, 2024. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with Aldermen present and all voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request to post for the position of Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$14.00-\$15.00 depending on experience was made. 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 to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, 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 Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, 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 it was announced that a personnel action was taken.

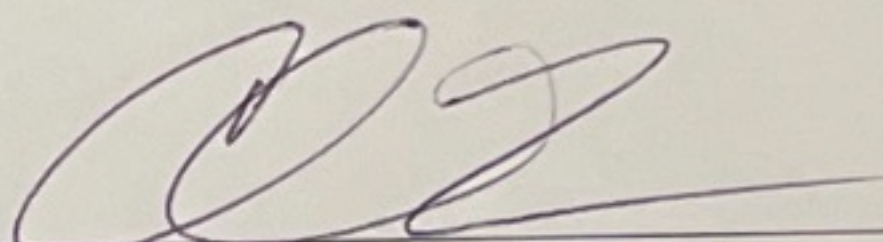
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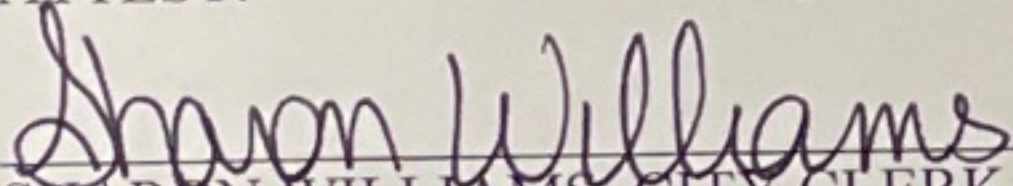
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Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter was discussed, with no action was taken.

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

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK