

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
September 17th, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of September 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, September 17, 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, and Alderman Jeff Williams, with Alderman Tara Lauderdale participating by phone. 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 McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Tucker.

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

- (a) Approve the following: board minutes of Special Called Meeting August 29th, 2024; Regular Meeting September 3rd, 2024; Special Called Meeting September 6th, 2024; Work Session August 26th, 2024.
- (b) Approve to reimburse Gary Coats \$3.49 for supplies purchased at Tractor Supply.
- (c) Approve Christopher Davis to attend the Vehicle Extrication and Rescue Technician course in Jackson, MS on October 7th-11th, 2024. Registration: \$400.00 Meals: \$130.00 Mileage: usage of city vehicle.
- (d) Approve Candrice Williams to attend the 2024 Fall Conference for Municipal Court Clerks in Biloxi, MS September 18th-20th, 2024. Meals: \$236.00 Mileage: usage of city vehicle, Lodging: \$104.98 (meals will be reimbursed).
- (e) Approve hotel cost retroactive for Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore for Certification Classes in Oxford, MS on September 10th-13th, 2024 in the amount of \$357.00.
- (f) Approve Paul Carpenter to attend the Class C Short course in Tupelo, MS on October 14th-17th, 2024. Registration: \$356.00 Meals: \$236.00 Mileage: usage of city vehicle.
- (g) Approve Karl Courtney to attend the Taser Instructor Certification Course in Priceville, AL on October 22nd, 2024. Registration: \$495.00 Mileage: usage of city vehicle.
- (h) Approve G&W to pay Prince Oil for invoices not turned in on time in the amount of \$5,477.88.
- (i) Approve Courtney Moore to attend the Office Professional Training in Tupelo, MS on October 16th, 2024. Registration: \$125.00 Mileage: \$41.54
- (j) Approve Michael Ramey, Trey Slaton, and Sammy McGee to attend the 2024 Mississippi 911 Conference in Biloxi, MS on October 28th-31st, 2024. Registration: \$495.00 each, Lodging: \$629.91 total, Meals: \$236.00 each Mileage: usage of city vehicle.
- (k) Approve board minutes of August 20th, 2024.

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

There next came on for consideration, Sandy Donahue discussing an update on the BEACON project and updates for the library.

There next came on for consideration, First Methodist Preschool requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building for a Fairy Tale Ball on September 27, 2024. Their 501(c)(3) is on file. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came on for consideration, Junior Auxiliary requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building for Trivia Night on October 1, 2024. Their 501(c)(3) is on file. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on for consideration, the Kiwanis Club requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building for the Pig Out with Kiwanis on October 4, 2024. Their 501(c)(3) is on file. Alderman Shields 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting approval of the board to appoint Barbara Shackleford as a housing authority board member. The vote was 5-0 to appoint her. 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 for the approval of the board to appoint Micah Moment as a housing authority board member. The vote was 5-0 to appoint him. 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 the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire. Alderman Shields 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 table the approval to hire an outside consultant for the 2024-2025 budget. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously passed.

There next came on for consideration the public hearings on property clean up. Hearing notices were mailed to the address of last listed person for the property according to the Tax Assessor's office and mailed to the physical address of the property. A notice was also posted at the physical location of the property, at Booneville City Hall, and at the Prentiss County Court House.

The first hearing was on property located at 109 Jacinto Heights #4. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Shields made a motion to give the property owner until January 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and this matter would be reviewed on that date to determine if significant progress had been made on cleaning up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 201 Martin Luther King. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Shields made a motion to give the property owner until January 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and this matter would be reviewed on that date to determine if significant progress had been made on cleaning up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 301 E. Lake St. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Shields made a motion to demolish and clean up this property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 503 S. General Collins. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Shields made a motion to have the property

cleaned up. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 106 Glendale. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to allow the City Attorney to check on the ownership of this property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 101 Meadow Creek. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to clean up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located 1204 North College Street. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Shields made a motion to give the property owner until January 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and this matter would be reviewed on that date to determine if significant progress had been made on cleaning up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located 100 Martin Luther King. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to demolish and clean up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 503 North College St. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to have the property cleaned up. This motion was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next hearing was on a property located at 114 Anderson. Charles Sanders stated that the property is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to public health, safety and

welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to demolish and clean up the property. This motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, 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 Dereck Stevenson as a part-time firefighter at the rate of \$11.50 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Shields 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 for approval to hire Ryan Pollard as a part-time firefighter at the rate of \$11.50 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Miller 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 declare a surplus in the Gas & Water Department in the amount of \$900,000.00. 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 transfer \$105,000.00 from Gas & Water to the City of Booneville for administrative fees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a second request was made to transfer \$105,000.00 from Gas & Water to the City of Booneville for administrative fees for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. 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 transfer \$900,000.00 surplus from the Gas fund to the General fund. 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 for approval to schedule a work session on September 23, 2024, at 4:30, with Cook Coggins Engineers for water and sewer grants, Dr. English, and Garbage contract. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to receive quotes on a ground bed for W. College Street. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to sign a utility agreement for the gas line on County Road 1101. 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, Michael Ramey, with the Police Department, requesting approval to promote Davon Wilder to a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$16.70 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Kenny White, with the Street Department, requesting approval to receive quotes to replace the culvert on Dogwood Stand. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Miller discussed the update on the Greg Sparks property.

It was announced that the 2024 Fall Festival would be held on October 19, 2024, located downtown and that Tuesday at the Triangle would be held every Tuesday night in September.

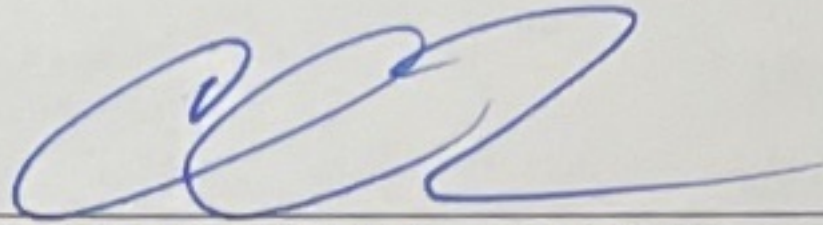
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel issue within the gas department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields 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 Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

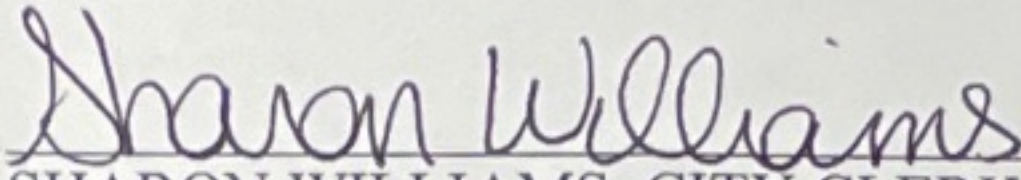
Back in open session, a request was made to accept the letter of resignation from Michael Shane Robinson. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

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



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK