

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
September 3rd, 2024

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of September 2024, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, September 3, 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 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 Jon Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Courtney Moore.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of Special Called August 19th, 2024; Special Called August 23rd, 2024
- (b) Approve Bill Dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve office check journal number 16482 & 16113, payments were made for month of June and July retroactive (Crime Lab, Crimestoppers, MS Dept of Finance & Admin, MS Attorney General and Southern Automated Systems)
- (e) Approve Lori Tucker and Sharon Williams to attend the Brownfield Conference in Pelham, AL on September 19th, 2024, Registration: \$175.00 each Meals: \$78.66 each Mileage: \$241.50 each Lodging: \$107.00. Expenses to be reimbursed with Brownfield Grant.
- (f) Approve to pay Prentiss County Chancery for the airport agreement in the amount of \$2,850.00
- (g) Approve to pay National Guard for yearly donation in the amount of \$1,200.00
- (h) Approve to pay Prentiss County Development Association for two (2) quarterly donations in the amount of \$12,000.00
- (i) Approve to pay Boys and Girls Club for yearly donation in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- (j) Approve the resignation of Patrick Wallace as a full-time police officer effective immediately.
- (k) Approve Mitchell Maddox and Michael Crenshaw to attend the MsRWA, MSDH, & MS. Dept. of Environmental Quality Fall Training Session in Tupelo, MS on October 15th- 17th, 2024. Registration: \$250.00 each, Meals: \$177.00 each, Mileage: city vehicle
- (l) Approve Kelsey Moore and Sharon Williams to attend the IIMC Online Professional Development Program Webinar: Media Literacy for Municipal Clerks on October 17th, 2024. Registration: \$60.00 each
- (m) Approve the termination of Jason Hall as a full-time fire fighter effective immediately.
- (n) Approve Corie Robbins and Karl Courtney to attend Internal Affairs class at Tupelo Police Academy October 7th -11th, 2024 Registration: \$795.00 each.

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

There next came on for consideration, Katie Conn requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building and the streets to be closed for the Booneville Homecoming Dance on September 20, 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, C.J. Weddle requesting approval to waive the fee for the usage of the Hardware Building for the annual 4-H Banquet on October 27, 2024. A 501(c)(3) is on file. 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, under General Government, Sharon Williams requesting approval of the ad valorem tax exemption for ProVia LLC in the amount of \$12,950,669.43. Alderman Lauderdale 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 of the beer, light wine, and liquor license for Sully D's. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department, requesting approval to accept the best and lowest quote for the basketball courts. Three quotes were received. One quote was from Bliss Products and Services in the amount of \$634,632.00. The second quote was from Geosurfaces in the amount of \$446,000.00. The third quote was from J M Duncan, Inc in the amount of \$727,861.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the best and lowest quote from Geosurfaces in the amount of \$446,000.00, for the basketball courts. This was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a resolution for a multicourt project in the amount of \$475,000.00. The Park Commission has already approved said resolution. 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, Bobby Agnew with the Fire Department, requesting approval to post for part-time Fire Fighters. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to receive bids on renovation of the Hwy 145 N lift station. 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 for approval to hire Bryson Asher as maintenance employee at the rate of \$15.00 per hour effective immediately pending drug screen. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to receive quotes to replace the control panel on Wolverine pump station. Alderman Shields 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 advertise for camera service on sewer mains in the downtown project area. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Alderman present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to advertise for bids for the gas line relocation on County Road 1101. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval to pay Laura Martin for monies spent on the Booneville Animal Shelter for vet bills associated with the spay and neuter grant, in the amount of up to \$3,000.00. 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, a request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed for a personnel problem within the Fire Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

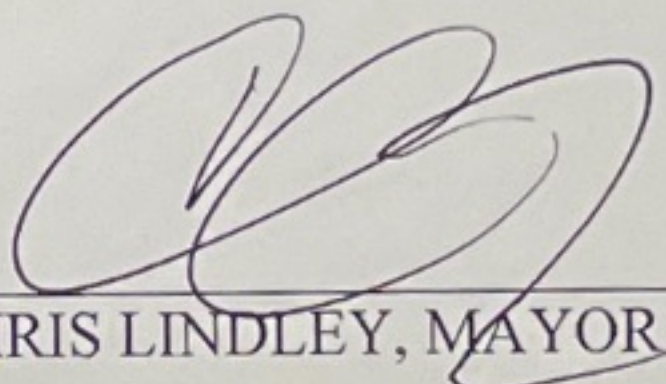
While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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 follow Fire Chief Agnew's recommendation of suspending Sgt. Tyler George for five shifts without pay and if he was late again, then immediate termination. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to follow Fire Chief Agnew's recommendation of suspending Sgt. Kristopher Matthews for five shifts without pay and if he was late again, then immediate termination. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion was unanimously carried.

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



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK