

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
FEBRUARY 4, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of February 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at 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 Ramey, 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 Jarious Maxey.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Sandy Donahue.

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

- 1) Approve/Discuss replacement of bay door at Station 3
- 2) Approve/Discuss closed session for billing at Gas & Water

Alderman Shields 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 request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve board minutes of 01-21-2025 & work session minutes of 01-21-2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore to attend the Spring CMC conference in Hattiesburg April 8-11, 2025. Registration \$250.00 each Lodging: \$353.10 Meals: \$272.00 each Travel: City Vehicle
- (e) Approve Courtney Moore, Oscar Joshlin, Paul Carpenter, Carson Brunes, Bryan McVey, and the mayor of the 2025-2029 term to attend the MGNA Conference in Orange Beach, AL July 8-11, 2025, with a cost of \$6,900.00 for lodging total, \$296.00 each for meals (\$1,776.00 total), \$505.40 each for milage (\$3,032.40 total), and a total amount of \$2,700.00 for registration
- (f) Approve for Courtney Moore, Oscar Joshlin, Paul Carpenter, Carson Brunes, Bryan McVey, and Chris Lindley to attend the MGNA Conference in Biloxi, MS May 12-14, 2025, with a cost of \$2,600.00 for lodging total, \$204.00 each for meals (\$1,224.00 total), \$476.00 each for milage (\$2,856.00 total), and a total of \$1,050.00 for registration
- (g) Approve the resignation of part-time police officer Brittney Sanders effective January 26, 2025
- (h) Approve for Dawson Harris, Trevor Morgan, and Jonathan Grove to take MSTAT in Tupelo on February 5, 2025, at the rate of \$20.00 each

- (i) Approve the payment of \$39 for title replacement on the street department's leaf truck
- (j) Approve to pay MS DOR in the amount of \$12 for a tag for the Street Department Leaf Truck
- (k) Approve the payment of \$1,502.62 out of the tax redemption account to the City of Baldwin for a payment FMBank placed in the City of Booneville tax redemption account in error
- (l) Approve to allow Kimberly Jackson to obtain her notary public commission and pay the Secretary of State \$25 for the application fee
- (m) Approve Sharon Williams to attend IIMC Online Professional Development Program: Effective Communication Skills on February 5, 2025, in the amount of \$75
- (n) Approve Sharon Williams membership dues to CGFM in the amount of \$100 and application for certification fee of \$109 for a total of \$209
- (o) Approve to pay GeoSurfaces, Inc in the amount of \$33,250.00 out of Park Tourism fund for basketball courts
- (p) Approve the resignation of full-time fire fighter Zachary Ray effective 02-12-2025
- (q) Approve the resignation of Public Property Director Charles Sanders effective April 30, 2025

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen honored former Alderman David Bolen for his 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Booneville.

There next came on for consideration, a request to hire Sydney Brooks as part-time at the library at the rate of \$11.00 per hour pending a drug screen. 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, Veneshia Gillespie, requesting to waive the rental fee for the Hardware Building for Grace Scholar on May 30-31, 2025. A 501(c)(3) is on file. 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, Don Essary, to discuss/approve Reconnect 4 Autism Color Run 5K/1 mile walk. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Ramey requesting approval to schedule a Work Session for February 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to finish going over Municipal Code Book. 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 for February 18, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- Cheese Plant – PM Environmental
- Brush and rubbish clean-up
- Discuss retirees
- Stephen Traylor conveyance of land offering
- Park field lighting
- Ward 3 street name change – Jimmy Hicks

Alderman Lauderdale 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 begin taking payments on our website through Catalis Payments for payments for municipal court. 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 declare the Westside Community Center Election Central. 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 post for a School Board member. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Lori Tucker made a request to approve the MOA with PCEPA, regarding the use of Peeler Park. 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval to pay \$3,000.00 from the Tourism Fund to use on Peeler Park. The Tourism Board has already approved a resolution. 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 for consideration the request to declare a \$500,000.00 surplus in the General Fund. 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 to move the \$500,000.00 surplus from the General Fund to the Gas Fund. Alderman Lauderdale 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department, requesting approval to hire David Trull at \$15.00 per hour pending a drug screen. 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, Michael Ramey with the Police Department, a request to hire Michael Carter as a part-time police officer at \$11.50 per hour effective immediately pending a 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, a request to promote Bryon Parker from part-time to full-time code enforcer (duties include code enforcement officer, DARE officer, bailiff, and process server) at \$16.50 per hour effective immediately. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Mykel Holley as Lieutenant at \$16.18 per hour effective 2-8-25. 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 for approval to hire James Johnson as Sergeant at \$15.21 per hour effective 2-8-25. Alderman Miller 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 for approval to hire Micah Posey as Firefighter 2 at \$13.49 per hour effective 2-8-25. Alderman Williams 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 to hire Shawn Presley as Firefighter 2 at \$13.49 per hour effective 2-8-25. 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 post for Firefighter 3 position at \$14.00 per hour. Alderman Williams 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 to post for a Firefighter position at \$12.70-\$13.21 per hour depending on certification. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department, requesting approval to get 2 quotes for used trucks. The motion died for a lack of a motion.

There next came on for consideration, Kenny White with the Water Department, requesting approval to purchase grader blades. Two quotes were obtained one from Sid's Trading Company for \$2,295.00, the second was from Griffin's Small Engine for \$2,064.24. Alderman Williams made motion to accept the lowest quote from Griffin's Small Engine in the amount of \$2,064.24. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Carolyn Miller, discussed updates on 109 S Main Street and 111 S Main Street locations.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Chris Lindley requested approval to post for Public Property Director at \$45,000.00 - \$49,000.00 depending on experience, with the deadline for application being February 27, 2025. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came a request for approval to seek quotes for the replacement of a bay door at Station 3. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

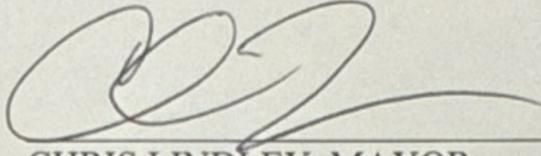
Next, there came a request to go to closed session for billing at Gas & Water. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

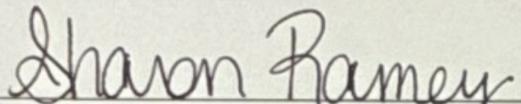
Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

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


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK