

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE

January 21, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of January 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 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: 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 Alderman Jimmy Hicks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Williams Ramey.

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

- 1) Requesting to approve a resolution for the City of Booneville to present to Senator Daniel Sparks their request to present Legislation to extend the Booneville Tourism Tax at the current Mississippi Legislative Session.
- 2) Approving that said Resolution be printed, signed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, attested by the City Clerk and bearing the City Seal, with the same being presented to Senator Daniel Sparks.

Alderman Lauderdale made said motion to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Shields, and with all aldermen present voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of 01-07-2025 & work session minutes of 01-06-2025
- (b) Approve to refund Corrie Robbins in the amount of \$10.00 for fuel
- (c) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the MMSA Director's Meeting in Clinton, MS January 29th-31st. Lodging \$259.42 Meals \$136.00 Travel \$316.40
- (d) Approve Chris Lindley lodging update for January 13-16 at Hilton in Jackson, MS for \$387.00
- (e) Approve Sharon Williams and Kelsey Moore to attend the CMO elective night class in Oxford, MS on March 27, Registration \$25.00 each
- (f) Approve Jerius Maxey to attend the Fire Instructors conference in Choctaw, MS March 4-7, 2025. Registration \$150, Lodging \$297.00, Meals \$232.00 & to take a city vehicle and travel card for fuel
- (g) Approve to pay the North Mississippi Mayors Association Annual dues in the amount of \$350.00
- (h) Approve to pay Forms Ink for 3 Invoices: Invoice 12597 \$512.60, Invoice 12339 \$3,622.78, Invoice 12092 \$1,075.24 (Gas & Water)
- (i) Approve to pay Tim Jackosn in the amount of \$357.60 for a water/sewer refund
- (j) Approve Lori Tucker & Sharon Williams to attend MACE class in Starkville Feb 20-21, 2025: Registration \$75 each, Lodging \$149, & Meals \$96 each

Alderman Lauderdale 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department, requesting approval to accept the lowest and best bid for the contract on the ARPA project at the depot. Bids were opened on December 17, 2024 and approved by the Tourism Board on January 9th, 2025. The lowest and best bid came from 3D-Construction (Duncan-Darrell, DBA) in the amount of \$177,260.00. 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 approve the Hospitality Arts Festival Resolution in the amount of \$15,000.00. A resolution had been approved by the tourism board. Alderman Miller 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 approve a resolution for the Local Miss Hospitality Competition in the amount of \$1,500.00. A resolution had been approve by the tourism board. 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 approve the Partnership Recognition Resolution in the amount of \$2,500.00. A resolution had been approved by the tourism board. 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 to approve the MEDC Annual Dues Resolution in the amount of \$295.00. A resolution had been approved by the tourism board. Alderman Hicks 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 Parks Department, requesting approval to post for seasonal employees. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, 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 promote Mykel Holley to Lieutenant at \$16.18 per hour effective 1/24/2025. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this discussion, 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 post for a Sergeant position at \$15.21 per hour. Alderman Miller 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 promote Micah Posey to Fire Fighter 2 at \$13.49 per hour effective 1/24/2025. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this matter, 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 promote Shawn Presley to Fire Fighter 2 at \$13.49 per hour effective 1/24/2025. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, 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 Tate Maness as Fire Fighter 1 at \$13.21 per hour effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 Zachary Ray as a Full-Time Fire Fighter at \$12.70 per hour with a raise to \$13.21 after certification effective immediately pending drug

screening. 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 hire Trevor Morgan as a Full-Time Fire Fighter at \$12.70 per hour with a raise to \$13.21 after certification, effective immediately pending drug screening. Alderman Hicks 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 Jonathan Grove as a Full-Time Fire Fighter at \$12.70 per hour with a raise to \$13.21 after certification effective immediately pending drug screening. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department, requesting approval to get quotes for grader blades for the tractors. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Department, requesting to move a temporary \$100,000.00 from the Gas Construction account to the Gas System account. 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, under the Board Report, a request to approve Mike Mattox, agent for (Boston Mutual Insurance), to provide the city employees with short-term disability, at the annual cost of \$16,790.40. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there was a request to table adding 507 Washington Street to the property clean up list. 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, under the Mayor's Report, a request to approve the annual Visitors Guide Ad by the Banner Independent in the amount of \$650.00 Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came a request to approve the hearing date for the cleanup of 503B North College Street of March 4, 2025. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Under announcements, it was announced that the flag at the Cross is to be replaced by Melissa Kinard with Woodman Life Insurance.

There next came on for consideration Requesting the request to approve a resolution for the City of Booneville to present to Senator Daniel Sparks their request to present Legislation to extend the Booneville Tourism Tax at the current Mississippi Legislative Session. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with all aldermen present voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration a request to approve that said Resolution be printed, signed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, attested by the City Clerk and bearing the City Seal, with the same being presented to Senator Daniel Sparks. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with all aldermen present voting "Aye" the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel matter in the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

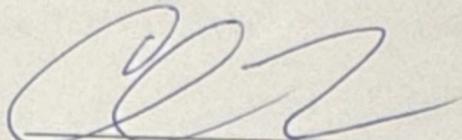
While in the closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

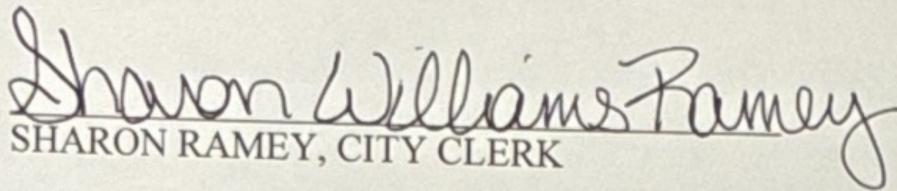
Back in open session, a request was made for the Gas & Water Department to go back to in-house billing. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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 RAMEY, CITY CLERK