

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JULY 15, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of July 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at the Booneville Hardware Building, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following: Mayor Lori Tucker, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Tara Lauderdale was not present. 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 Tucker, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jordan McVey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Hill.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve to start transferring rubbish from Gas & Water to General Rubbish account
- (b) Discuss/Approve the Park Board
- (c) Discuss/Approve the Planning Board
- (d) Discuss/Approve repairs to Cunningham House need to be requested

Alderman Hicks made a motion to approve adding the items to 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, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve the special called minutes of July 3, 2025 and the special called minutes of July 9, 2025
- (b) Approve for Gary Cleveland to attend Flood Plane Management classes in Starkville August 18-21, 2025, with permission to use the city vehicle and travel card. (Classes are free.)
- (c) Approve to reimburse Laura Martin for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (d) Approve to reimburse Vickie Davis for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00

- (e) Approve to fill out credit application for HercRentals for equipment rental retroactively
- (f) Approve to accept the resignation of Jacob Pennington, effective immediately
- (g) Approve to accept the resignation of Tate Maness, effective immediately

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

There next came on for consideration, Mary Young with Hands of Grace Foundation requesting permission to set up a tent inside Swift Park on Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This would be to hand out free diaper bags to expectant and new mothers. Alderman Williams 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, Cook Coggin with a discussion and update on the following projects: Wynegar Road Project; Northeast Project; Horizontal Pressure Filter; future projects.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to add to the agenda approval of MOU to get Wynegar Road project moving and for the Mayor to sign. 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, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval to post for election commissioners. 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 for the work session policy to be amended to add that Mayor Lori C. Tucker may add any item to the work session agenda, at her discretion. This would better serve the discussion of City business issues in a timely manner. 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 remove Chris Lindley be removed from all credit cards. Alderman Hicks 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 add Mayor Lori C. Tucker to all credit cards. 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 add Sharon Ramey back to all credit cards. 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 approval of Caterpillar's 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ten years in the amount of \$12,078,561.08. 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 of Scranton Manufacturing dba New Way Trucks' 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ten years in the amount of \$15,222,250.88. Alderman Williams 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 of Westlake Pipe's 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ten years in the amount of \$1,162,816.00. 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 table Plumrose's 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ten years in the amount of \$6,510,419.04. 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 of 2025 Freeport Warehouse application for ACCO Brands in the amount of \$75,059,012.00. Alderman Hicks 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 of 2025 Freeport Warehouse application for Caterpillar in the amount of \$3,228,756.34. 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 of 2025 Freeport Warehouse application for New Way Trucks in the amount of \$3,980,371.00. Alderman Williams 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 of 2025 Freeport Warehouse application for Sutter Street MFG in the amount of \$603,011.00. Alderman Hicks 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 of a work session on August 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Budget amendments
- Streaming Board meetings
- Bridges
- 303 S 2nd St. Variance

Alderman Williams 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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval for a certified letter for property cleanup at 811 North 2nd Street. Attorney Tucker suggested that this matter be tabled until next meeting to allow the Aldermen to present the properties that they wished to clean up. Alderman Shields made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval for a zoning variance at 303 South Second Street (PPIN 3834) from C-3 Highway Commercial to add R-3 Residential 2 Family Occupancy variance. Alderman Hicks made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman

Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Debb Tubb with the Tourism Department requesting approval to post for a Tourism Assistant at \$15.00-\$16.00 per hour depending on experience to be advertised through July 31, 2025. 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 approval of a resolution for the Back to School Block Party in the amount of \$4,500.00 from the Tourism account. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 of a resolution for the Fall Festival in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the Tourism account. This resolution had already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Hicks 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 of a resolution for the NEMCCTV & Athletic Programming, Marketing & Advertising in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Tourism account. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. This would promote the City of Booneville. 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 of a resolution for the Blue Devil TV Marketing & Advertising in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Tourism account. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. This would promote the City of Booneville. 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 terminate employees in good standing. Alderman Williams 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 for the park field lighting funding. Three quotes were received to finance the lighting project in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. One quote was from Renasant Bank at 6.5% for a 10-year rate. Another quote was from F&M Bank at 4.6% for a 10-year rate. The third quote was from Techline Sport Lighting at 5.203% for a 10-year rate. That the terms of the quotes was not longer than the life expectancy of the product. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the low quote from F&M Bank for 4.6% as the lowest and best quote, 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 classify Umpires as 1099 workers, except for full-time City employees, and to pay the 1099 employees upon presentation. Alderman Williams 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to purchase firehoses and equipment out of the HB 1353 account totaling \$9,085.58 and to approve the best and lowest quote from EEP in the amount of \$9,085.58. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval for purchasing a vehicle out of the Special Assessment account. Two quotes were received. One quote was from Cannon for a 2024 Tahoe Police Vehicle in the amount of \$50,450.00. A second quote was from Kirk Auto Group for a 2024 Tahoe in the amount of \$53,000.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the best and lowest quote from Cannon in the amount of \$50,450.00. This was 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 Jordan Davis's \$0.50 raise per hour pay raise, effective July 12, 2025. This is due to Jordan completing the Fire Academy.

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 pay all Security Officers at the school district's rate of pay, to be reimbursed by the Booneville School District each month.

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 hire Marsenio Nunn as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$21.49 per hour. Alderman Miller 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, under the Mayor's Report, a request for approval to purchase a Booneville Blue Devil football sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00. This would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the following announcements were made:

- Crimestoppers Appreciation Breakfast at NEMCC Health & Nutrition Building on Friday, July 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.
- Classic Car Show and Live Music at the Triangle on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
- Quilts of Valor at the Old Hardware on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Next, the Park Board was discussed.

Next, the Planning Board was discussed.

Next, a request was made for approval to start transferring rubbish fee back to the Rubbish Fund that is used to purchase equipment. 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 seek quotes to repair the Cunningham house roof. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

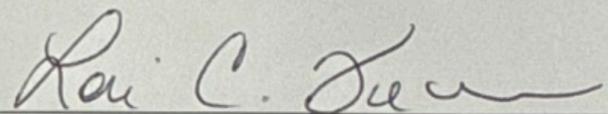
Next, a request was made for approval to go into a closed session regarding to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

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

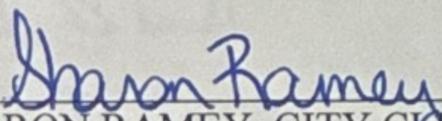
Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter was discussed with no action was taken.

There being no further business, Alderman Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK