

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JUNE 3, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1st meeting of June 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Tara Lauderdale, Alderman Carolyn Miller, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman LaVaile Shields 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 Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Kevin Short.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Hill.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve Mayor and City Clerk to sign all necessary documents concerning the Downtown Intersection Improvements Federal Aid Project No. STP-0055-00(042) LPA/109164-701000
- (b) Discuss/Approve to appoint signees for reimbursement requests on the Downtown Intersection Improvements Federal Aid Project No. STP-0055-00(042) LPA/109164-701000

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

- (a) Approve Board minutes of May 20, 2025, Special Called minutes of May 19, 2025, and Special Called minutes of May 20, 2025
- (b) Approve bill docket
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve to reimburse Olivia Crowe and Jason Jackson for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (e) Approve to reimburse Angie Prentiss for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$200.00
- (f) Approve to reimburse Kitty K Farm and Rescue for participation in the I Care for Animals grant in the amount of \$425.00
- (g) Approve to accept the resignation of Jim Hill, effective June 3, 2025
- (h) Approve Lori Tucker to attend Disaster Planning workshop in Brandon, MS on June 12, 2025. Registration \$20.00; Travel \$303.80; Meals \$27.00. This will come from the Travel Resolution.
- (i) Approve Deborah Tubb to attend Listen Up Historic Preservation Conference in Greenwood, MS June 4-6, 2025. Lodging \$460.00; Travel \$217.00; Meals \$204.00. This will come from the Travel Resolution.

Alderman Lauderdale 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, Diane Garvin with the Mississippi Department of Archives requesting the waiving of the rental fee for usage of the Hardware Building on Tuesday, August 5, 2025,

for a regional meeting for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. 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, Kala Silsby requesting approval of a 5K run at Swift Park in September to raise funds for the New Covenant Jail Ministry. 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, Beckley Chapel CME Church requesting approval to waive the rental fee for the usage of the Eastside Community Center for Children's Day to be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Sandy Donahue gave an update on library activities.

There next came on for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval to set up a City of Booneville PayPal account for grant purposes. 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 for approval of Marathon Cheese's Ten-Year 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption in the amount of \$76,483.10. 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 Pro Via's Ten-Year 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption in the amount of \$10,571,569.69. 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, Gary Cleveland with Public Property requesting approval to declare 3 City vehicles as surplus:

- 1997 Ford Ranger pick-up truck
- 1999 Dodge Dakota pick-up truck
- 2005 Ford Explorer

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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of the Tourism Resolution for the Depot Landscaping Project in the amount of \$10,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to hire John Mitchell and James Sanders as Seasonal Umpires at the rate of \$35.00 per game, effective immediately. 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 for approval to renew the Field Machine Lease at the State contracted price. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to send \$17,609.83 to unclaimed properties for stale dated deposit refund checks. 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 to complete a credit application for Cooper Electric Motor Services and allow the Mayor to sign the documents. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to post for a Shop Mechanic position at the rate of \$16.00 to \$18.00 per hour depending on experience effective through June 27, 2025. This request died for lack of a motion.

There next came on for consideration, James McChristian with the IT Department requesting approval to continue discussions for the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, a request was made for approval to accept the lowest and best bid from J.M. Duncan, Inc, in the amount of \$1,330,245.00 on the Downtown Intersection Improvements Federal Aid Project No. STP-0055-00(042) LPA/109164-701000. 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 for approval for the Mayor, City Clerk and/or Mayor-Elect if on or after July 1, 2025, to sign all necessary documents concerning the Downtown Intersection Improvements Federal Aid Project No. STP-0055-00(042) LPA/109164-701000. Alderman Williams 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 appoint signees for reimbursement requests on the Downtown Intersection Improvements Federal Aid Project No. STP-0055-00(042) LPA/109164-701000. Those signees would be the Mayor, City Clerk, Mayor Pro Tem LaVaile Shields, and Mayor-elect if on or after July 1, 2025. Alderman Hicks made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

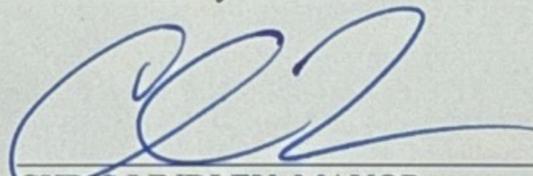
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss a payment issue on a water bill. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

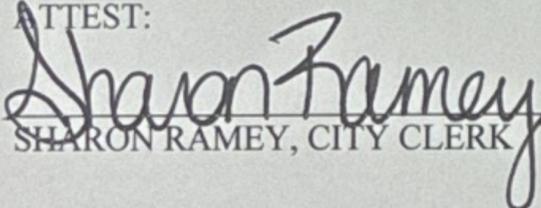
Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to apply D&G's current deposits to their current outstanding balance. This was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of Jock Calomese. This was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK