

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
MARCH 18, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of March 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 18, 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, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. 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 Mayor Lindley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Lauderdale.

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

- (a) Approve to pay insurance payment for Baby Box in the amount of \$395.88
- (b) Approve to remove employee #3 from list of "in good standing" status
- (c) Approve Kiwanis using Hardware Building on March 21, 2025, and waiving fee

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of March 4, 2025
- (b) Approve to refund David Dever for the purchase of motor oil in the amount of \$19.23
- (c) Approve to refund Beverly Goddard in the amount of \$190.78 for a leak (Gas & Water)
- (d) Approve IIMC payment of \$425.00 for Sharon Ramey remaining CMC & MMC certification
- (e) Approve Sharon Ramey, Kelsey Moore & Lori Tucker to attend virtual night classes through the National Association of Parliamentarians; Parliamentary Fundamentals 101 at \$70.00 each
- (f) Approve to transfer \$1,000,000 from the General Account to the Wyninegar Road Account
- (g) Approve to accept Kenny White's letter of resignation effective June 13, 2025
- (h) Approve to accept Mitchell George's letter of resignation effective June 20, 2025
- (i) Approve to refund Rodney Beene in the amount of \$109.67 for a deposit refund (Gas & Water)

- (j) Approve to refund Sugoi Japanese Grill in the amount of \$2,809.04 for a billing error (Gas & Water)

Alderman Shields 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.

There next came on for consideration, Lauren Horton with Junior Auxiliary requesting approval to waive the rental fee of the Hardware Building for the Father/Daughter Ball on June 14, 2025, and requesting streets be blocked off. A 501(c)3 is on file. 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, Leon Hays requesting approval to waive the rental fee of the Hardware Building on March 22-23, 2025, for Cub Scouts Pack 37. A 501(c)3 is on file. 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, Leon Hays with the Prentiss County Development Association requesting approval to waive the rental fee of the Hardware Building on April 22-23, 2025, for their Industrial Appreciation Dinners. 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Ramey requesting approval of the free port warehouse application for Sutter Street South in the amount of \$87,742,267.00 for the year 2024. 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 of the free port warehouse application for Scranton MFG Co. dba New Way Trucks in the amount of \$3,425,678.49 for the year 2024. 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 of the free port warehouse application for Caterpillar Inc. in the amount of \$2,628,134.39 for the year 2024. Alderman Williams 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 the free port warehouse application for ACCO Brands in the amount of \$61,829,954.00 for the year 2024. 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 the approval of the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Scranton Manufacturing Co. dba New Way Trucking in the amount of \$10,896,384.00 for the year 2024. 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 the approval of the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for Westlake Pipe & Fitting Corporation in the amount of \$678,496.00 for the year 2024. 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 the approval of the final resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption for ACCO Brands in the amount of \$9,174,602.00 for the year 2024. Alderman Hicks 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 of a resolution for the downtown lighting at the district mural in the amount of \$2,955.17. The Tourism Board has already approved a resolution. 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 a resolution for marketing and advertising in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Tourism Board has already approved a resolution. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval of the termination of employees with "in good standing" status. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to

hire Jaycob Pennington as Firefighter at \$12.70 per hour with a raise to \$13.21 per hour after certification, effective March 20, 2025, pending drug screen. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to pay Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$3,500.00 for postage reserve. 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 get quotes for an envelope inserter machine. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval of the MDOT Phase 2 replacement of all water lines and possibly all sewer lines. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval for annual leak survey bids. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval of a raise for Robert Cook at \$.50 per hour for completion of the Police Academy, effective immediately. 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 for approval to hire James Mercer as a full-time Police Officer at \$17.03 per hour effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 send James Mercer to the Police Academy in Tupelo April 7, 2025. 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 for approval to hire Shawn Glissen as a part-time Police Officer at \$11.50 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.

There next came on for consideration, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval to post for Batwing Bush Hog position. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with all the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to receive bids for striping streets. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with all the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Alderman Williams discussed the CDBG Grant for the Jacinto Heights Sewer Project.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval of the Banner Independent Annual Progress Edition half-page ad for \$450.00 to appear March 27, 2025. 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 for approval of the Banner Independent Basketball Magazine full-page ad for \$650.00 to be published May 1, 2025. 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 for approval to post for Street Department Manager position at \$47,000.00-\$50,000.00 depending on experience. 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 advertise for administrator of the CDBG Grant. Alderman Williams made said motion, but the motion died for lack of a second.

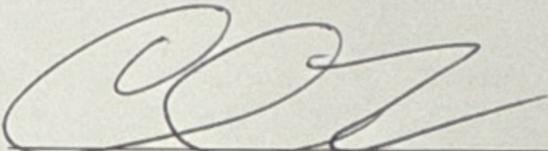
Next, a request was made for approval to appoint a Public Property Manager. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this request. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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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 RAMEY, CITY CLERK