

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of March 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, March 4, 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 Marsenio Nunn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rochelle Jenkins.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen asked that former Alderman Wilda Pounds and her family be remembered in prayer, due to the passing of her husband, Stan Pounds. Stan Pounds was a valued member of our community, and his absence will be felt.

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

Approve work session minutes of February 10, 2025, and Special Called minutes of February 27, 2025.

Alderman Williams made a motion to add the item 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 February 18, 2025, and work session minutes of February 18, 2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve for Paul Carpenter, Billy Bridges, and Mayor Lindley to attend the 2025 Operator Expo for the MS Rural Water Association on March 24-26, 2025, in Brandon, MS at a cost of \$100.00 each for registration (\$300.00 total), \$204.00 each for meals (\$612.00 total), \$280.00 each for mileage (\$816.00 total), and \$626.76 total for lodging
- (e) Approve work session minutes of February 10, 2025, and Special Called minutes of February 27, 2025.

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, Cook Coggin Engineering with a request to apply for grants for sewer & water through DEQ and the State Board of Health. 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, Teneisha Shinault requesting permission for the Juneteenth Celebration Parade on June 28, 2025. 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, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Ramey requesting approval for authorization for herself and Mayor Lindley to sign insurance documents for the Baby Box Initiative. 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 for authorization for City Clerk Sharon Ramey and Mayor Lindley to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and any necessary documents related to the Wynegar Road Project. 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 to call a work session for March 18, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- (a) Finalizing Code Book
- (b) Walden Drive
- (c) County Truck Fee
- (d) CNG Vehicles

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 Public Property, Charles Sanders requesting approval to seek bids for all city mowing for 2025. 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 the Little Creek 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department

requesting approval of a resolution for the MMSA/MS Hill Real Estate Development Game Plan Grant Match in the amount of \$1,000.00. The Tourism Board has already approved a resolution. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to hire Matthew Brown as Firefighter 2 at \$13.49 per hour, effective March 10, 2025. 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, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval for emergency repair to Gas Line on County Road 1341 to Eubanks Construction in the amount of \$4,950.00. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval regarding brush and rubbish. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to a work session. This was 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 cleaning ditches and culverts in the city.

Next, Alderman Hicks requested a declaration to observe March as Kidney Cancer Awareness Month. 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 obtain separate quotes on the lining of the street and to get quotes on both painting and using dermoplast. The areas would be from Walden's Grocery to

Booneville Cleaners and from Plumrose/BSU to the Bypass 4-way stop. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, Mayor Lindley requested approval for to sign the MDOT Downtown Intersection Improvements Project. 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, a public hearing was held on the property located at 503B North College Street. No one was present after having been mailed proper notice and having posted proper notice. Therefore Charles Sanders gave an opinion that the property located at 503B North College Street in it's current condition was a menace to health and public safety and requested quotes to clean up the property. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

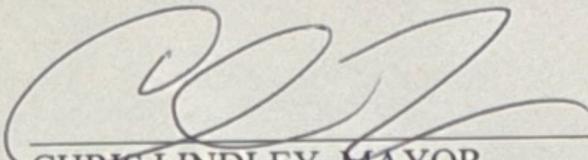
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue in the Gas department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

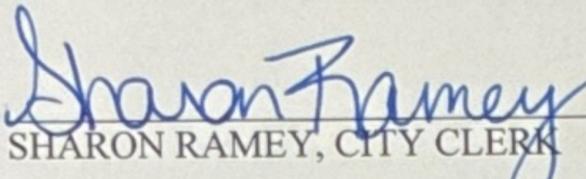
Alderman Shields made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK