

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
MAY 20, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of May 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, May 20, 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 Daniel Tucker.

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

- (a) Discuss/Approve cutoff procedure at Gas & Water
- (b) Discuss/Approve economic development

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

- (a) Approve Board minutes of May 6, 2025, Work Session minutes of May 6, 2025, and Special Called minutes of May 9, 2025
- (b) Approve new resignation date for Gary Coats for July 1, 2025
- (c) Approve to set deadline for accepting applications for Director of Tourism as May 30, 2025
- (d) Approve a refund to Booneville Post Office in the amount of \$12,905.04 for return of credit
- (e) Approve resignation of William M. Barnes effective May 23, 2025
- (f) Approve Trey Slaton and Laura Smith to attend the 911 Conference in Biloxi, MS August 10-14, 2025. Registration (\$990.00 total), Lodging (\$780.00 total), Meals (\$544.00 total) and Mileage (City Vehicle and Travel Card). (This is required for certification and all expenses will be reimbursed to the City.)

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, Angelique Jumper with the Boys and Girls Club requesting approval for waiving the fee for the use of the Eastside Park, use of the Eastside Community Center, and use of the far back section of the Westside Park for the Boys and Girls Club Field Day on Friday, June 20, 2025. 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, Gary Cleveland with Public Property requesting approval of the re-zoning change for Pamela K. Austin from R-2 Single Family to R-4 Multi-Family for residential housing (PPIN# 7034). Alderman Lauderdale recused herself from this discussion. Alderman Williams made a motion to not approve this request. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 a resolution for Multi-Court Project in the amount of \$50,000.00. This resolution had already been approved by the Park Board. 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 Office requesting approval to declare surplus in the amount of \$500,000.00. 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 transfer \$500,000.00 to the General Fund. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Jonathan Pannell as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.53 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 hire Kayli Hayes Willis as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.03 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screen. Alderman

Miller 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 an alcohol permit for The Kitchen. 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 change Derrick Leatherwood's title from Animal Control Officer to Animal Control Officer/Code Enforcement Officer with an increase in pay to \$16.50 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Kenny White with the Street Department requesting approval to hire Ronnie Baggett as a seasonal Mosquito Truck Sprayer at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams 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 of an Ad for the Banner Independent congratulating the 2025 graduates of Booneville High School and all the Prentiss County High Schools in the amount of \$275.00. 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 an Ad in the Northeast Mississippi Community College Northeast Campus Guide in the Banner Independent in the amount of \$650.00. 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 to hire Kevin Short in the position of Street Department Manager at the rate of \$48,000.00 per year, effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 discuss the cutoff procedure at Gas & Water. Alderman Williams made a motion to change the current cutoff policy, with the change being "that customers will be given until 9:00 a.m. on the cutoff date to pay their bill or the cutoff fee

will be added to their bill and the cutoff will take place.” Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

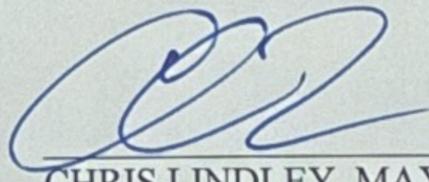
Next, a request was made to go into closed session to discuss economic development. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

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

Alderman Hicks 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.

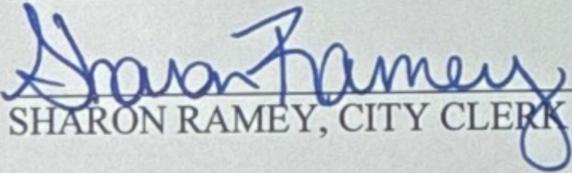
Back in open session, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve LAG LLC putting up water and gas deposits and turning those utilities back on at the old Wal-Mart building. The Motion was it was announced that approval was given for water and gas deposits for on Eastside seconded by Alderman Shields, 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 Williams, and with the Aldermen present and all voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.



CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK