

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD  
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
MAY 6, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of May 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, May 6, 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 Gary Cleveland.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brant Sappington.

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

- (a) Approve Special Called minutes of May 5, 2025
- (b) Approve declaration of an emergency sewer project on Reverend A.C. Welch Drive
- (c) Approve transferring funds from the old General account to the new General account

Alderman Williams 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 April 15, 2025, Special Called minutes of April 14, 2025, Work Session minutes of April 14, 2025, Special Called minutes of April 18, 2025, and Special Called minutes of May 5, 2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve to refund Mastercraft Builders in the amount of \$300.00 for a tap that will not be used at 437B Hwy 145 South
- (e) Approve Angela Armstrong to attend the 2025 Municipal Court Clerk Conference July 22-24, 2025, in Biloxi, MS. Registration (\$100.00), Lodging (\$500.78), Meals (\$204.00) and Mileage (\$537.60)
- (f) Approve Lori Tucker, LaVaile Shields, Tara Lauderdale, Jeff Williams, Jimmy Hicks, Sharon Ramey, Kelsey Moore, and Daniel Tucker to attend the 2025 MML Conference in Biloxi, MS July 20-24, 2025. Lodging (\$1001.56 each), Meals (\$340.00 each), Mileage (\$537.60 each), and Registration (\$350.00 each)
- (g) Approve Lori Tucker to attend the MEDC Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS July 9-11, 2025. Registration (\$530.00), Lodging (\$482.00), Meals (\$340.00), and Travel (\$537.60)
- (h) Approve correction to the amount paid to Breedlove Brothers Construction for Pearl Daniel Drive, an additional \$310.00

- (i) Approve the resignation of Bryon Parker as a full-time Police Officer effective April 21, 2025
- (j) Approve Gary Cleveland to attend the 2025 Building Officials Association of MS Summer Conference in Gulfport, MS June 8-13, 2025. Registration (\$300.00), Lodging (\$1501.35), Meals (\$340.00) and Travel (City vehicle)
- (k) Approve Jerius Maxey to take Plans Review for Fire and Life Safety class at the Fire Academy July 14-18, 2025. No cost for the class, Meals (\$130.00), use of the City vehicle and travel card
- (l) Approve use of the Hardware Building with the fee being waived for Gaston Baptist Church on Sunday, May 4, 2025, retroactively
- (m) Approve to refund Heather Harris \$300.00 for Hardware Building, retroactively
- (n) Approve the Carleigh Vick Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid out of the DARE account
- (o) Approve to update the lodging cost for the MSRWA 2025 Conference in Biloxi, MS from \$4,480.00 to \$4,878.72

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

Next, Sharon Ramey presented a Plaque in memory of Katie Patrick.

There next came on for consideration, under General Government, City Clerk Sharon Ramey requesting approval of the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments. Alderman Shields made a motion to table this issue, 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 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for ACCO Brands USA, LLC in the amount of \$6,983,754.00 for ten years starting 01/01/2025-12/31/2034. 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 ACCO Brands USA, LLC in the amount of \$75,059,012.00 for the year 2025. 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 to transfer funds from the old General account to the new General account. 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 before the board, a public hearing on the rezoning of PPIN #7034 from R-2 to R-4. Alderman Lauderdale recused herself from the entirety of this issue. Kim Smitherman spoke against the re-zoning change. During her presentation she presented a deed with a restricted covenant contained in it. Since this was new information, City Attorney Daniel

K. Tucker asked that this matter be tabled, to give him an opportunity to research this matter.

Alderman Hicks made a motion to table this issue, 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 accept the lowest and/or best quote for flooring at the Depot. Two quotes were received. One was from H.D. Construction in the amount of \$7,325.75 and a second quote was from Kiesler Construction in the amount of \$27,000.00.

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and/or best quote from H.D. Construction in the amount of \$7,325.75, pending providing insurance. This was 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 hire David Coats for the Public Property Maintenance position at the rate of \$20.00 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, Lori Tucker with the Tourism Department requesting approval of a resolution for Booneville Cruise In (live music performances) in the amount of \$4,000.00. The Tourism Board has already approved a resolution. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval for termination of two employees, Wesley Boren and Nathan Smith, with "in good standing" status. 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 add Cameron Whatley as an Umpire at the rate of \$35.00 per game, effective immediately and for him to remain part-time with his other duties. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to terminate Dawson Harris, effective immediately. 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 post for the position of Firefighter at the rate of \$12.70-\$13.21 per hour, depending on certifications. 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to accept the lowest and/or best quote on an envelope stuffer machine. Two quotes have been received. One quote from Whittaker Brothers in the amount of \$7,324.00 and a second quote from Global Industries in the amount of \$7,755.99. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and/or best quote from Whittaker Brothers in the amount of \$7,324.00. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, 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 to hire Tommy Pannel as a Seasonal Employee at the rate of \$11.00 per hour. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all 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 hire Chris Thornton as a Pipe Fitter at the rate of \$14.50 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to hire Crystal Paul as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.03 per hour, effective immediately, pending drug screen. 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 to hire Jordan Davis as a full-time Police Officer at the rate of \$17.03 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of a beer permit for Jay Patel at the Vape Shop. 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 accept the lowest and/or best quote for replacement of a culvert on Hare Road. Two quotes were received. One quote was from Breedlove Brothers Construction in the amount of \$6,550.00 and a second quote was from Burns Dozer & Backhoe in the amount of \$8,050.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and/or best quote from Breedlove Brothers Construction in the amount of \$6,550.00. This was 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 accept the lowest and/or best quote for the cost of a culvert on Hare Road. Two quotes were received. One quote was from ConTech in the amount of \$17,350.75 and a second quote was from G&O Supply in the amount of \$14,951.22. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and/or best quote from G&O Supply in the amount of \$14,951.22. This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report, Board members discussed the following:

- Alderman Lauderdale discussed 212 Burress Street.
- Alderman Miller discussed updates on drainage at Booneville Cemetery
- Alderman Miller discussed update on culvert on 202 Kenzington Way.

Next, under the Mayor's Report, a request was made to post for a Tourism Director at the rate of \$42,000.00-\$48,000.00 per year, depending on experience. 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 a special called meeting for May 19, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. The Board would discuss the following: Interviewing for Street Department and Budget discussions.

Next, a request was made for approval of the lowest and/or best bid for striping the streets from Riverside in the amount of \$18,906.00. 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 the lowest and/or best bid for downtown utility replacements from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$849,975.00. Alderman Williams

made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

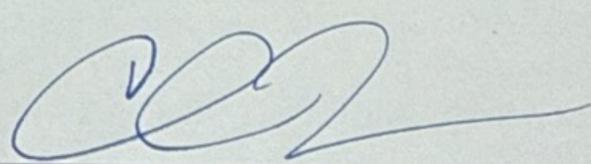
Next, a request was made for approval to accept applications for the I Care For Animals grant to spay and neuter pets belonging to the citizens of the City of Booneville, one animal per household. The grant amount was \$3,000.00. This will be divided by \$200.00 and will go to 15 citizens of Booneville. Those first to apply will receive the grant. The citizens will pay the cost to spay/neuter and the city will reimburse them \$200.00 towards the cost. If the citizen does not do it within 60 days of their application, the \$200.00 will go to the next person on the list.

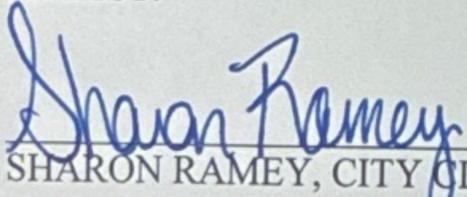
Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of the declaration of an emergency sewer project on Reverend A.C. Welch Drive. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, it was announced that photos with Booneville's Miss Hospitality Abby Walton will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

With there being no other business before the Board, Alderman Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

  
CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK