

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
October 7, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the first meeting of October 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following: Mayor Lori Tucker, 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 Tucker, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Jarius Maxey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Caviness.

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

- a) Approve Gas & Water adjustments.
- b) Discuss/Approve to change the date of the scheduled work session from Tuesday, October 27, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. to Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m..
- c) Saturday, October 18, 2025—Fall Festival.

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to approve adding the items to 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, the request to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- (a) Approve board minutes of September 16, 2025, special called minutes of September 25, 2025, and work session minutes of September 30, 2025
- (b) Approve bill dockets
- (c) Approve Gas & Water adjustments
- (d) Approve resignation of Dispatcher Anissa Perkerson, retroactive to September 22, 2025, effective October 31, 2025
- (e) Reimburse James Page for insurance overpayment in the amount of \$345.95
- (f) Reimburse Levi Hendrix for insurance overpayment in the amount of \$550.00
- (g) Approve to send Michael Crenshaw (in place of Billy Bridges) to Wastewater Short Course in Biloxi, MS November 3-7, 2025
- (h) Approve the resignation of Kenneth Prince as a full-time Firefighter, effective immediately
- (i) Approve Kelsey Moore to attend Edmunds GovTech Conference with Sharon Ramey retroactive to September 28, 2025-October 2, 2025, in Charlotte, NC with use of city vehicle and travel card with meals at a cost of \$340.00 each.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on 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, Brandon Palmer with Modern Woodmen requesting approval to use the Hardware Building and waive the fee for "Hometown Heroes" on October 23, 2025. Alderman Miller made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on, John Caviness with an update on the Safe Haven Baby Box.

There next came on for consideration, a request for approval of a streetlight at 215 Azalea Drive, due to new construction. 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, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval to post for a Housing Authority Board member. 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 a half-page ad in the 2025-2026 Jumpertown Attendance Center Yearbook in the amount of \$90.00. This would promote the City of Booneville. 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 proceed on the STP-0055-00(042)LPA/109164-701000 Downtown Booneville Pedestrian Improvements MDOT Phase II Project. 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 approval of a BHS Soccer Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00. Said ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Hicks 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 revision to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Article 3 Section B, (changing the date to November 28, 2025, and the Index no. to 28117CIND0B). 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 work session for Monday, October 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Property Cleanup
- Final Amendments to Muni-Code

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 another work session to be moved from Monday, October 27, 2025 to Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Raises for part-time employees
- Part-time employees moving forward with PERS
- Update on dog park

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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department announcing the public hearing for rezoning change for 2911 Jacinto Road, PPIN# 14618 from A-1 General Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential. He announced that all legal requirements had been met to hold said public hearing. The following people spoke:

- Jesse Huske—Against
- Greg Burns—Against
- Ricky Beard ??—Against
- Joann Burns—Against
- Tommy Lowrey—Against
- Mr. Griffen—Against
- Gary Walker—Against
- Gary Grimes—For

Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this discussion to the work session on October 28, 2025. 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, Deb Tubb with the Tourism Department requesting approval of the Vibrancy Project/Fred Carl Jr. Small Town Partnership Resolution in the amount of \$50,000.00. 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.

Next, a request was made for approval of the ARPA Depot Park Project Resolution in the amount of \$13,392.47. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board.

Alderman Hicks 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 Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area Partnership Resolution in the amount of \$5,000.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. Alderman Miller 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 BMI License/Live Music Rights Resolution in the amount of \$437.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 of the MS Main Street Field Guide/Marketing Resolution in the amount of \$400.00. This resolution has already been approved by the Tourism Board. 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 the Event Transportation Resolution in the amount of \$2,950.00. 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 for the donation of some of the old park lights, to the City of Marietta, Mississippi, for the sum of \$1.00. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to promote Micah Posey to Firefighter III, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective October 21, 2025. 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 post for a Firefighter II position at the rate of \$14.49 per hour. 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 post for a full-time Firefighter at the rate of \$13.70-\$14.21 per hour, depending on certification. 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 to approve the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) for the Safe Haven Baby Box. 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 for the Booneville School District to have a gas credit of \$30,000.00 for the upcoming fiscal year. 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 approval for the National Guard Armory to have a gas credit of \$3,000.00 for the upcoming fiscal year. Alderman Hicks 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 purchase two (2) 2026 Nissan Frontiers at the state contract price of \$29,572.00 each for the Gas & Water Department, State Contract # 8200083402. 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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to seek quotes for a GPS locator for the Water Department. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting aye, the motion carried.

Next, a request was made for approval to seek quotes on two (2) used trucks for the Water Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting aye, the motion carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a \$.50 raise for Paul Carpenter for completing the first six (6) months of the Apprenticeship Program. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting aye, the motion carried.

Next, a request was made for approval of a \$.50 raise for Shane Jackson for completing the first six (6) months of the Apprenticeship Program. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting aye, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, Oscar Joshlin with the Gas Department requesting approval to seek quotes for a GPS locator for the Gas Department. 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 terminate Chris Thornton from the Gas Department, effective immediately. 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 post for a full-time Pipe Fitter at the rate of \$14.00-\$16.00 per hour, depending on experience. Alderman Hicks 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 appoint Jonathan Timbes as DARE Officer, effective immediately. 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 approval to hire Jackson Hamm as a full-time Dispatcher at the rate of \$14.50 per hour, with a \$.50 raise upon certification. Alderman Hicks 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 promote Brandon Wright to full-time Patrol Sergeant at the rate of \$20.67 per hour, effective immediately. 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 for Karl Courtney and Jonathan Timbes to attend DARE Officer Training in D'Iberville, MS November 3-13, 2025; registration and stay \$1,899.00 each; meals \$680.00 each; with use of city vehicle and travel card. 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, Kevin Short with the Street Department requesting approval to purchase a ditcher attachment from WADE, Incorporated at the state contract price in

the amount of \$14,150.00 for the Street Department, State Contract #8200079115. 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 Brandon Lambert as a seasonal employee, for Street Maintenance and Bush Hog at the rate of \$11.00 per hour, effective October 13, 2025. 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 post for a second Seasonal Worker. 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, Cook Coggin Engineers requesting approval to advertise for the public hearing for the proposed SRF Water Project. 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 approval to advertise for engineering and legal procurement for the proposed SRF Water Project. 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 advertise for the public hearing for the proposed SRF Sewer Project. 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 advertise for engineering and legal procurement for the proposed SRF Sewer Project. 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 as an emergency, to advertise for construction bids for the Martin Luther King sewage pumping station replacement. 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 advertise for construction bids for the proposed Gas System Expansion Project on County Road 7411 and County Road 7400. Alderman

Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 advertise for construction bids for the Miscellaneous Drainage Project locations (approximately eight locations) and replacement of the sewer line at the old Wal-Mart Building on East Church Street. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 proceed with preparation of bid documents for South Bryant Street and a short section on Ninth Street due to leak situations. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 construct a gas line for gas system improvements for the West College Street and Highway 45 area (from top of the most westerly hill on West College Street to across Highway 45 and connect to the existing gas line; most important, this will provide a second gas feed into the Blackland area as well as provide service to the proposed development to be located in the NW corner of the intersection—potential heavy gas user). Alderman Hicks made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 prepare a bore permit for a proposed bore under Highway 45 at Highway 45 and West College Intersection. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 advertise construction quotes for a bore on a gas line on Highway 364. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, 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 advertise for construction bids for a bore on a gas line in the Pratts area. Alderman Lauderdale made a motion to table this matter for a work session, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, the following announcements were made:

- Monday, October 13, 2025—Community Drive Thru Flu Shots at Baptist Memorial Hospital 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (or while supplies last)
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025—Senior Citizen's Program at the Hardware Building 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, featuring Lindsay Everett and Ricky Rowan
- Friday, October 17, 2025—Pig Out with Kiwanis at the Hardware Building 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 18, 2025—Fall Festival

Under other business, Employees of the Month for October 2025 were recognized:

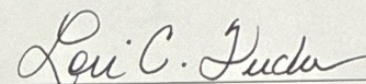
- Congratulations to Jennifer Jackson with the Street Department
- Congratulations to Jackie Smith with the Gas & Water Department
- Congratulations to Hunter Hoard with the Gas Department
- Congratulations to Mason Calomese with the Water Department
- Congratulations to Karl Courtney with the Police Department

Also, the Banner Independent's 2025 Reader's Choice Awards were recognized:

- Congratulations to Chris Davis, Best Fire Fighter
- Congratulations to City Clerk Sharon Ramey, Best City Employee
- Congratulations to Trey Slaton, Best Dispatcher
- Congratulations to Brandon Wright, Best Police Officer

There being no further business, Alderman Hicks made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

This was seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST


SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK