

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD
OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
September 16, 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED that the 2nd meeting of September 2025, of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, September 16, 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 James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jarius Maxey.

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

- a) Approve Candrice Williams to attend the 2025 MS Municipal Court Clerk Conference September 17-19, 2025, in Oxford, MS. Lodging \$303.02; Travel—City vehicle /card; Meals \$204.00. (Lodging to be reimbursed) (consent agenda)
- b) Discuss/Approve to accept the lowest and best bid for street paving
- c) Discuss/Approve Edmund's GovTech Public Property app (sole sourced software)
- d) Discuss/Approve Edmund's GovTech Park & Recreation app (sole sourced software)
- e) Approve Special Called board minutes of September 15, 2025 (consent agenda)
- f) Discuss/Approve a contract time extension on the Water Pressure Filter Replacement Parker Drive Site Project (Project No. 3-10033-23M)

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

- (a) Approve board minutes of September 2, 2025, and work session minutes of September 2, 2025.
- (b) Approve to accept the resignation of Gage Cunningham from the Water Department, effective immediately.
- (c) Approve to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Annisa Perkerson from the Police Department, effective September 22, 2025.
- (d) Approve David Dever to attend SSGT in Jackson, TN on October 6-10, 2025. Registration \$800.00; Meals \$113.30.
- (e) Approve to pay Jennifer Jackson in the amount of \$894.50 for payroll deduction insurance overpayment.
- (f) Approve to update Gary Cleveland's lodging for the BOAM Conference in Natchez, MS December 2-5, 2025, in the amount of \$948.00.
- (g) Approve to pay the Water Department from the General account in the amount of \$318,695.44 for MEMA Paymodes.

- (h) Approve Mayor Lori C. Tucker to attend Disaster Leadership Conference in Biloxi, MS on November 11-14, 2025. Registration \$325.00; Lodging \$600.00; Meals \$272.00, with use of City vehicle and travel card.
- (i) Approve Sharon Ramey and Kelsey Moore to attend CMC Program in Oxford, MS, November 18-21, 2025. Registration \$325.00 each; Lodging: \$415.29; Meals \$272.00 each; with use of City Vehicle and travel Card.
- (j) Approve Mayor Lori C. Tucker to attend CMC elective class in Oxford, MS on November 20, 2025. Registration \$25.00 with use of city vehicle.
- (k) Approve to declare a \$500,000.00 surplus in the Water fund.
- (l) Approve to declare a \$500,000.00 surplus in the Gas fund.
- (m) Approve Candrice Williams to attend the 2025 MS Municipal Court Clerk Conference September 17-19, 2025, in Oxford, MS. Lodging \$303.02; Travel—City vehicle /card; Meals \$204.00. Lodging to be reimbursed.
- (n) Approve special called minutes of September 15, 2025.

Alderman Williams 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.

There next came on for consideration, Kineta Booth with Springhill MB Church requesting the waiving of the fee for the Eastside Community Center at Sunflower Park for "Trunk or Treat" on Sunday, October 26, 2025. Alderman Miller 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, a request from the Sunflower Community Committee for the waiving of the fee for the Hardware Building for a Christmas Masquerade Extravaganza on Saturday, December 20, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. 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, Denice Downs with First Methodist Church Preschool requesting approval to block off the streets and waive the fee for the Hardware Building for the Fairy Tale Ball on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Alderman Williams made a motion to strike from the agenda, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Mandy Eaton with Booneville First Methodist Church requesting approval to block off the streets from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and waive the fee for the Hardware Building for Community Revival on Sunday, October 12, 2025, with use of the Triangle. Alderman Williams 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, Kathy Rinehart with Thrasher School requesting approval to block off the streets at the Hardware Building for Prom from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026. 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, Selina Hastings with Biggersville School requesting approval to block off the streets for Homecoming from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Alderman Lauderdale made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Their next came on for consideration, Sharon Ramey with General Government requesting approval of the William Sonoma 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Asset additions in the amount of \$7,662,248.28 for 9 years: 12/31/2024-12/31/2033. Alderman Lauderdale 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 of the William Sonoma 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption in the amount of \$7,686,545.68 for 10 years: 12/31/2024-12/31/2034. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this issue, 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 Plumrose 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Exemption in the amount of \$10,823,809.52 for 10 years: 1/1/2024-12/31/2033. Alderman Williams 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 New Way/Scranton MFG 2025 final Ad Valorem Resolution in the amount of \$15,222,250.00 for the next 10 years. 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 of a work session for Thursday, September 30, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- Vibrancy Project/MOU with FBC
- Recognize Paul Carpenter and Shane Jackson for 1st 6 months of completion of the Apprenticeship Program and discuss raises as previously approved.
- Property Cleanup

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 another work session for Cook-Coggin for October 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. for project updates. 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 list of streets for paving by Ward:

- Ward 1—Ridgemont Circle and Westover Heights
- Ward 2—MLK Drive and General Collins Drive
- Ward 3—Hatchie Street and Crestwood Circle
- Ward 4—Parkwood Garden and Marietta Street
- At Large—North Street and Dogwood Stand Road

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 to accept the lowest and best bid for street paving. Two bids were received. One bid was from J.M. Duncan for G&W in the amount of \$87,000.00 and for Street in the amount of \$58,250.00. A second bid was from Parsons Earthworks, Inc. for G&W in the amount of \$43,050.00 and for Street in the amount of \$23,310.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the lowest and best bid from Parsons Earthworks, Inc. for G&W in the amount of \$43,050.00 and for Street in the amount of \$23,310.00. 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, Gary Cleveland with the Public Property Department requesting approval to increase rental property registration per house/per unit, effective immediately. The rates will be \$25.00 each for 0-12 units, \$22.00 each for 13-25 units, and \$20.00 each for 26 or more units. 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, Jon Hill with the Park Department requesting approval to increase registration at the park effective immediately. The rates will be \$55.00 for one child, \$100.00 for 2 children, and \$130.00 for 3 or more children. 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 remove the RV hook-ups at Swift Park. 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, Fire Chief Bobby Agnew requesting approval to promote Blake Kelly to Sergeant at the rate of \$15.21 per hour, effective September 21, 2025. 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 to post for a Firefighter III position at the rate of \$14.00 per hour. Alderman Hicks 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 to hire Jarious Gill full-time at the rate of \$12.70 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 to hire Payton Tapp full-time at the rate of \$12.70 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 hire Kenny Prince full-time at the rate of \$12.70 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. 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 to hire Hayden Kelton full-time at the rate of \$12.70 per hour, effective immediately pending drug screening. Alderman Shields 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, Courtney Moore with the Gas & Water Office requesting approval to transfer \$500,000.00 from the Water Fund to the General Fund. 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 from the Gas Fund to the General Fund. 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 seek quotes for 2 Meter Reader Trucks.

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, Paul Carpenter with the Water Department requesting approval to purchase a spectrophotometer in the amount of \$7,828.44 retroactive to September 3, 2025. We have a credit of \$4,000.00. Alderman Lauderdale 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 declare The Altitude Program an emergency within the Gas Department and to use the 5% Jurisdictional (PSC) Funds. 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 seek bids for The Blackland Project. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting approval to post for a full-time Dispatcher at the rate of \$13.00-\$15.00 per hour, based on experience. 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 to post for a DARE Officer. 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, James McChristian, with the IT department, requesting approval of the Edmund's GovTech Public Property App (sole sourced software). 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 Edmund's GovTech Park and Recreation App (sole sourced software). Alderman Shields 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, Trevor Claunch with Cook Coggin Engineers requesting approval to apply for the MDOT Phase III Project grant in the amount of \$900,000.00. The City's portion will be \$400,000.00 with the Project totaling \$1,300,000.00. 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 for approval of a contract time extension for the Pressure Filter Replacement Parker Drive Site Project (Project No. 3-10033-23M). 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, under the Board Report, a request by Alderman Williams for approval to bring back live streaming the board meetings. The request died for lack of a motion.

Next, the following announcements were made:

- Tuesday Nights at the Triangle – September 16, 23, and 30, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. – live music and food trucks

There being no further business, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting in memory of Peggy Wroten and Lee Stewart. This was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


LORI C. TUCKER, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
SHARON RAMEY, CITY CLERK