

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE**

August 16, 2022

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Booneville, Mississippi, was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Board Room, at City Hall, the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Mayor Chris Lindley, Alderman Jimmy Hicks, Alderman Carolyn Miller, Alderman LaVaile Shields, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Tara Lauderdale participated by phone. Also, present were City Attorney Daniel Tucker, City Clerk Sharon Williams, several City employees and members of the public. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Chris Lindley, and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by James McChristian.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Russ Lamb.

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

- 1) TO ADD A WORK SESSION FOR AUGUST 22, 2022 AND AUGUST 29, 2022
AT 5:30 P.M.
- 2) MARIETTA STREET SEWER ISSUE.
- 3) REMOVE BRANDON DONAHUE ITEM UNDER THE STREET
DEPARTMENT.

Alderman Williams made said 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, the request to approve items on the consent agenda. Those items were as follows:

1. APPROVE BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING OF 08-02-22.

2. APPROVE SHARON WILLIAMS (MEALS \$138.00, MILEAGE \$85.00) AND AMBER DAVIS (MEALS \$138.00, LODGING \$281.22) TO ATTEND CLERK TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI TOTAL COST \$642.22.
3. APPROVE RESIGNATION OF BRYSON WINDHAM FROM GAS DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE 8-11-22.
4. APPROVE TO PAY FMBANK PETTY CASH PREPAID CARD \$6,092.88 (\$5,000.00 REPLENISHING PREPAID AMOUNT).
5. APPROVE JON HILL (MEALS \$236.00, LODGING \$425.48, MILEAGE \$431.25, REGISTRATION \$275.00 WITH TOTAL \$1,367.73); RUSTY WHATLEY (MEALS \$236.00, LODGING \$425.48, MILEAGE \$431.25, REGISTRATION \$275.00 WITH TOTAL \$1,367.73); AND CHRIS LINDLEY (MEALS \$236.00, LODGING \$425.48, MILEAGE \$431.25, REGISTRATION \$275.00 WITH TOTAL \$1,367.73) TO ATTEND MRPA CONFERENCE IN BILOXI, MS OCTOBER 9-13, 2022.

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

Next, Russ Lamb with the Lions Club requested the City of Booneville buy a sponsorship ad in the Annual Soapbox Derby Program. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Total cost for the ad would be \$150.00. 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, Alderman Williams made a motion to leave the credit card payment service with Doxo and Government Portal within the Gas & Water Department. Blake Jones and his company would be able to provide terminals for the remainder of the City but Gas & Water would be left as it is. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve paying for the annual DOT physicals, and stress test if necessary, for employees to obtain or keep their CDL license. 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, a request by Fire Chief Agnew to post for two (2) Firefighter 3 positions at the rate of \$11.73 per hour. 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, a request by Fire Chief Agnew to post for two (2) Firefighter 2 positions at the rate of \$11.23 per hour. 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 Agnew requesting that he be allowed to promote Kevin King to Battalion Chief at the rate of \$15.17 per hour, effective immediately. 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, Fire Chief Agnew requesting that he be allowed to promote Charles Michael to Captain at the rate of \$14.26 per hour, effective immediately. 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 for consideration, in the Street Department, the request to approve the Church of Christ Culvert Project. The City would provide the culvert and the contractor would provide the labor for putting the culvert in. Two (2) bids were received: one from Eubank Construction in the amount of \$26,000 and the other from Breedlove & Son Construction in the amount of \$21,256.69. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low quote of Breedlove & Son Construction, seconded by Alderman Shields, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve a water leak adjustment and sewer adjustment for the Reaching Out Pentecostal Church. 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, a request to post for a Pipefitter within the Gas Department at the rate of \$12.00 to \$14.00 per hour, depending on experience. Alderman Hicks

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, a request to transfer Carson Brunes from Customer Service In-House Tech to Crew Leader at \$14.50 per hour, effective immediately. 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 for consideration, a request to post for a Customer Service In-House Tech at the rate of \$11.50 to \$13.50 per hour, depending on experience. 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, a request to accept the bids for the leak survey for the Gas Department. Two (2) bids were received: once from Sullivan Natural Gas Service in the amount of \$9,890.00 and the other from E. Daniels in the amount of \$7,600.00. With that, Alderman Shields made a motion to approve the low bid of E. Daniels for \$7,600.00, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to hire Angela Armstrong as the Police Chief's Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$14.51 per hour, effective immediately. 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 post for the Mayor's Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$13.00 to \$15.00 per hour, depending on experience. 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, a request to approve hiring Austin Kidd as a full-time Certified Police Officer at the rate of \$15.20 per hour, effective immediately and upon him passing his drug test. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Miller, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to accept the lowest quote for a purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew cab 4x4. Two (2) quotes were received: one from Cannon in the amount of \$33,628.00 and the other from Roger Dabbs in the amount of \$32,275.00. With that, Alderman Hicks made a motion to approve the low quote from Roger Dabbs in the amount of \$32,375.00, 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 a resolution to purchase tables for the community center, up to \$5,000.00. A resolution had been previously approved by the Park Tourism Board and the money would be paid from the Park Tourism Fund. 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, Alderman Hicks making a motion to repair the bad section of asphalt at Twin Hills Subdivision and to finish paving to the end. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Miller, and with a vote of 5 against and 0 for, the motion failed.

Next Aldermen Hicks made a motion to table the matter of paving the Twin Hills Subdivision seconded by Alderman Shields. With the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Hicks discussed East Church Street. It was reported that the video of the sewer area had been finished, but that the City had not received a report back as of yet.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to receive quotes to repair the drainage near Tony Lambert's property on East Lake and South Lake Street. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Lauderdale discussed the roads to be paved at Westover Heights. Said item would be added to the work session.

Next, discussion of the Criminal Investigation Division relocation. That item would be added to the agenda for the next work session.

There next came on for consideration, a request for a motion to approve a resolution supporting House Bill 1427 for Police and Firemen to receive a \$1,000.00 maximization pay as

outlined in House Bill 1427. Alderman Shields made a motion approving said resolution, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the city applying for the MCWI (Mississippi Community Water Infrastructure Grant) which would be a dollar for dollar match grant. 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, a request to approve the mayor being the manager of the MCWI Grant. 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, a request to advertise for engineering services for the MCWI Grant. 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, a request to approve a full-page ad in the Banner Independent spotlighting the fall sports teams in all six (6) Prentiss County High Schools. The cost of the ad would be \$450.00, and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Shields made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams requested that discussion for gas services to County Road 410 be added to the agenda. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Lauderdale, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Adding gas services to County Road 410 was discussed and it was announced that that area was in the Rienzi territory and that would have to be discussed with Rienzi.

There next came on for consideration, a request to declare an emergency for the Marietta Street sewer repair project. The sewage would not flow through the system. Costs would be \$200,000.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Hicks, and with the Aldermen present and all voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

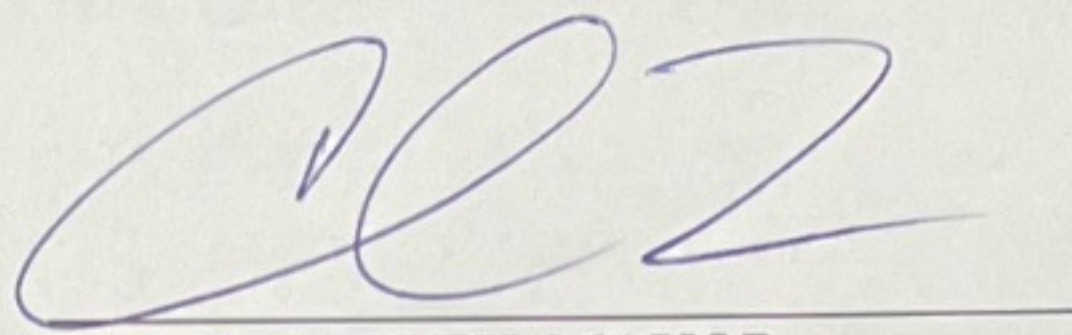
There next came on for consideration, a request to approve a work session for Monday, August 22, 2022 and for Monday, August 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Alderman Shields made said

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

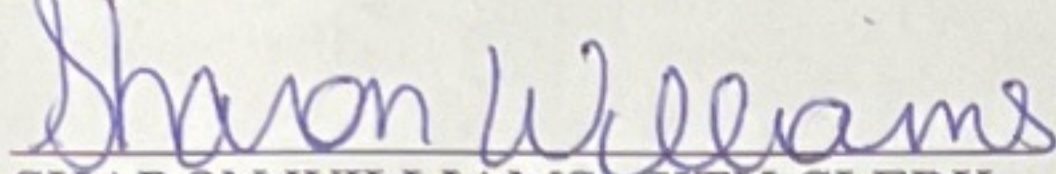
Next, the Mayor discussed the Storm Shelter Grant.

Next, the Mayor discussed the rubbish bill with the County having almost tripled.

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


CHRIS LINDLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SHARON WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK