

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Wilda Pounds, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Mark McCoy. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Jana Lindsey, Deputy Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the September 28, 2012, and October 2, 2012, board meetings;
- (2) To accept the resignation of Patrol Captain Lewis Tynes, effective October 19, 2012, and to approve payment of unused time an amount to be determined, and approved by the Board;
- (3) To accept the registration of Patrol Officer Jody Mauney;
- (4) To post for two part-time patrol officer positions (applicants must be at least part-time law enforcement certified.)

Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paving West Church Street and First Street from the Sewer Project funds. Alderman Williams made the motion to approve said paving, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the gas rate at \$11.50 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve refunding credit for the gas riser repair at Bishop BBQ, in the amount of \$227.90. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to declare surplus funds in the Gas Department, in the amount of \$400,000.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to transfer the surplus funds from the Gas Department, in the amount of \$400,000.00, to the general funds. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties.

First, Tonya Bell had requested an additional forty-five (45) days to have the model home removed from 505 North Lake Street. She is going to pay Jackie Leach to removed said mobile home. Alderman Williams made a motion to give her an additional forty-five (45) days. If it wasn't moved at that time, the City would remove it. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to have a lot appraised by the Eastside Park, and consider the other lots as comparables, and to have Hal Hughes appraise the same. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paying Semar Vaughan for the dry wall work done at the Hardware Building, in the amount of \$260.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paying Terry Hunkapiller, for electrical work done at the Hardware building, in the amount of \$390.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the progress reports on four (4) properties that have been previously determined to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare, of the community.

The first property was at 103 Cedar Street. Nothing had been done on this property. Alderman McCoy made a motion to take bids to remove the structure and to clean the lot, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The second property was at 104 Jumper Circle. Andrew Shinault had taken action to clean up some of the property. He requested the Board to allow an additional thirty (30) days, so that he could concrete the front portion of the house and use it for storage. Alderman Williams made a motion to give him the additional thirty (30) days, as long as the front was fixed in a presentable

manner, said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The third piece of property was located at 1304 South Lake Street. Ronnie Johnson reported that property is going to be demolished by the property owners.

The last piece of property was located 119 Bell Avenue and the property of Carolyn Sue Floyd. Ronnie Johnson reported that nothing had been done. Alderman Pounds made a motion to take bids to remove the structure and to clean the lot, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came before the Board, the public hearings on additional properties. The following six (6) properties were properties that were either burned out or abandoned.

The first property was located at 1203 East Church Street and owned by Northeast Mississippi Properties. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion, to take bids to demolish the structure and to clean the lot. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The second piece of property was located at 1203 A East Church Street and is owned by Raymond Massengill. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion, to take bids to demolish the structure and to clean the lot. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The third piece of property was located at 401 Hatchie Street and is owned by Cross City Mortgage. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion, to take bids to demolish the structure and to clean the lot, and to add the outstanding utility bill of \$120.33 to said bill. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The fourth piece of property was located at 205 Howser Street and is owned by Dewayne Pollard. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to give Mr. Pollard thirty (30) days to have the property demolish and cleaned. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The fifth piece of property was located at 717 Jacinto Road and owned by Tremayne Lasley. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Mr. Jermain Sorrell was present and requested the Board to give him an additional thirty (30) days. Alderman McCoy made a motion that if he would board up the windows to keep the house safe in its present condition, that he would make the motion to give him thirty (30) days. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The last piece of property in this category was located at 405 Hatchie Street and owned by Wayne and Kay Cartwright. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to take bids to demolish the structure and to clean the lot. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next category, was property that needed to be mowed and cleaned. The first property was located at 1102 South Lake Street and is in the name of Lois Barrett and Perry Estate. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to have the lot cleaned and mowed, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next piece of property was located at 104 Inez Drive. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to have the lot cleaned and mowed, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The third piece of property in this category was at 406 Independent Street and is owned by KECC, Inc. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Kevin Miles was there to speak on behalf of the property. Mr. Miles requested an additional thirty (30) days to determine if this property was his and if so, he would have the property cleaned. Alderman McCoy made a motion to allow Mr. Miles an additional thirty (30) days to have the property cleaned, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The fourth piece of property was located at 201 East Lake Street and is owned by Clyde Crowe. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Mr. Crowe thirty (30) days to have the lot cleaned and mowed, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The fifth piece of property in this category was located at 203 East Lake Street and is owned by Arron Crenshaw. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to have the lot cleaned and mowed, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The sixth piece of property in this category is located at 305 East Lake Street. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to go ahead and take bids to clean the lot, but the bid to be held until a report can be given back to the Board, on the title search of ownership of the house. Seconded by Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The seventh piece of property is located at 110 Hatchie Road, in the name of Melanie Lowder. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Ms. Lowder thirty (30) days to have the lot cleaned and mowed. Seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The last piece of property in this category is located at 1307 East Church Street in the name of Alvetta Edge. Ronnie Johnson reported that this piece of property had been cleaned.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Jerry Wallace, for permission to advertise for Firefighter applications to be taken for a hiring pool, and to do pre-employment testing for these candidates. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present, and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

Next, Fire Chief Wallace stated to the public that it was time of the year that they needed to clean their filters on their heaters and furnaces, they needed to inspect chimneys, and they needed to have all wall heater inspected, and to make sure nothing was around the wall heaters for safety reasons, and that it was time to change batteries in all smoke detectors.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paying Lambert's Body Shop for the bumper repair on Unit 16, in the amount of \$300.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to reimbursing Eddie Greene \$315.00 that was withheld from his pay due to a personnel matter that had been resolved. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next for discussion purposes, the Board discussed the Honeycutt Ridge Project. David Moore reported the prospective costs for completing this project, and that he would do a more detailed study with more accurate numbers for the Board. Alderman McCoy stated that he was concerned for other citizens of the City who may want their neighborhood paved. No action was taken.

The next came on for consideration, the request to pay the City phone bill that had not been paid in three (3) months, in the amount of \$2,149.09. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if executive was needed. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Harold

Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to come out of executive session and back into open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman McCoy made a motion that we stay with our current ordinance, addressing recreational vehicles usage in the City limits of Booneville, and that we enforce the current ordinance. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

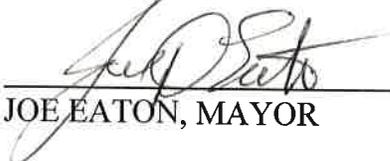
Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK


JOE EATON, MAYOR