

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

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 21, 2014, 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 Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

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 30, October 7, and October 9 board meetings, with the clarification of the October 9, 2014, Board minutes to reflect that the Waste Connection bid was without carts;
- (2) To approve the City to provide gas to the Booneville School District, up to \$30,000, without costs;
- (3) To approve the City to provide Gas and Water to the National Guard Building up to \$3,000, without costs;
- (4) To pay the Board of Supervisors for the Code Red Emergency Alert System in the amount of \$4,000.00.

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

Next, Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the Waste Connection bid with the carts, at a \$1.10 extra for one cart or \$6.58 extra for two carts. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and the following vote was had:

- Alderman Bolen "Nay,"
- Alderman Eaton "Nay,"
- Alderman McCoy "Aye,"
- Alderman Michael "Nay,"
- Alderman Williams "Aye."

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

Next, Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street Association came before the Board. She gave an update on the success of the Fall Festival. She thanked all the City officials, as well as James Olive, Billy Spencer, Tim Holloway and all those who volunteered.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the purchase agreement between Metrocast Communications and Block Communications for the sale/purchase of Metrocast Communications, and to approve a resolution approving the same. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Jerry Wallace, for Marcus Johnson to attend CPAT Test, with the costs to include registration, meals, and lodging, in the approximate amount of \$98.00, plus the gas card. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Chief Wallace requesting that after Marcus Johnson completes the CPAT Course, that he be approved to attend Firefighter 1000 1-2, with the costs to include registration, meals, and lodging, in the approximate account of \$1,803.45, plus the gas card. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, a motion to table the discussion about a small water/sewer rate increase. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to have Charles Sanders' look at the costs of repairing three (3) well houses and for Charles to obtain two (2) outside quotes on the repair of the same. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to vote on approving the financing of the police cars. The following bids were opened. Renasant Bank bid 2.44%; Bancorp South bid 2.26%; First American bid 3.125%; Farmers and Merchants Bank bid 2.45%. With that, Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the lowest financing bid of Bancorp South at 2.26%, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Ramey, to hire two (2) part-time officers. First was Marseno Nunn, in the amount of \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams.

Next, was the request by Chief Ramey to hire Steve Howell, as a part-time police officer and chaplain with Steve Howell volunteering his time. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan and to designate Fire Chief Jerry Wallace, as the designated representative. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Final Resolution for the ad valorem tax exemption request by Plumrose. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the rental fee of the Community Center for a benefit for Jennifer Pannell, who was suffering from cancer. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next came the Board Report. Under the Board Report, Alderman McCoy thanked all City employees for all the hard work that they did at the Fall Festival.

It was also announced under the Board Report, that there would be a Public Awareness Meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday at Holiday Hall, concerning safe digging.

There next came on the request to go into closed session. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into an open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter was discussed, with no action taken.

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Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced by the Mayor that anyone receiving on call duty at the Waste Water Treatment Facility had best make plans to pull their call, when it was their scheduled rotated time.

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Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve pay raises as they were listed, effective October 4, 2014, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK