

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
November 17, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 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, Jana Lindsey, 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 Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jason Michael.

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 November 3, 2015 board meetings;
- 2) To accept the resignation of Police Officer Timothy Boggs, effective November 29, 2015, and to accept his request to remain employed as part time;
- 3) To accept the resignation of Johnny Ray Chambers effective September 1, 2015;
- 4) To accept as an animal shelter volunteer, Jessica Kennedy;
- 5) To approve Jana Lindsey and Blaire Moore to attend the winter workshop at Jackson, Ms., from December 16 through 18. The cost would be \$736.66, which would include registration fees, mileage and meals, with the City Credit Card being used for lodging;
- 6) To approve Sammy McGee to attend the crimes in progress class in Tupelo, Ms., on November 18th, with the Registration fee to be \$150.00;
- 7) To approve the Holidays for the City Employees as follows: (Thanksgiving), Thursday, November 26, 2015 and Friday, November 27, 2015; (Christmas), Thursday, December 24, 2015 and Friday, December 25, 2015; and (New Years), Thursday December 31, 2015 and Friday January 1, 2016.

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

There next came on for consideration the request to move Jon Hill with the Park Department, to the head of the Agenda. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the request by Jon Hill for the board to declare 22 field lights and the old fencing from the back stops, as surplus property. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the request by Jon Hill requesting that the surplus property of 22 field lights and old fencing from the back stops, be donated to Thrasher High School. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to move Charles Sanders up on the Agenda. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request for a variance on the Reece property, located at 301 Robert E. Lee Drive. The variance would be for decreased setback of 2 foot 5 inches. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present, voting, the following vote was had: Bolen-Aye, Eaton-Aye, McCoy-Nay, Michael-Aye, and Williams-Aye. With a vote of 4 for and 1 against, the motion carried.

Next, Diane Garvin gave a status update on the Historic Preservation Commission.

There next came on for consideration the request to put up a street light and pole on McClamrock Street at the cost of \$9.31 per month, as more light was needed around the area of 207 McClamrock. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to hire Hunter Walton as a full time patrol officer, at the rate of \$13.49 per hour, effective immediately. Said motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Michael Ramey to post for two full time police officers, with at least part time certification. Said motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send Erick Knight to the next available part time police academy, to become part time certified. A motion was made by Alderman Williams to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by James Olive to post for a full time street maintenance worker. Said motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the discussion of the ditch at Bingham's. A motion was made by Alderman McCoy to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the discussion of GPS in all Gas and Water vehicles. A motion was made by Alderman Williams to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next came on the Board report.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to allow for light commercial garbage cans. The motion received no second and therefore died for the lack of a second.

Next came on the Mayor's report.

Next Mayor Blythe requested a motion to convert the new F-250 to CNG. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting Aye, the Motion carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve the bid of Eubank Construction, as it was the only bid received, to do the concrete work at the CNG facility, in the amount of \$49,225.00. This would be paid from funds from the grant received. Said motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve giving Jennifer Catlin a .50 cent an hour raise, effective immediately, as she had completed her 6 month probationary period. Said motion was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all alderman present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

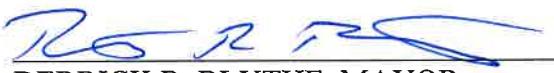
There next came on for consideration, the request to go into a closed session to determine if an executive session is needed. Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into executive session. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

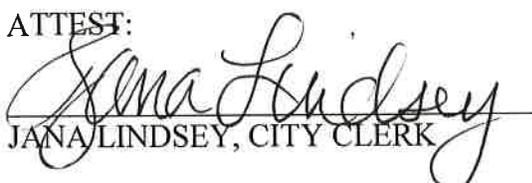
There next came on for consideration, the request to go back into open session. Alderman Eaton made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed within the Fire Department. Fire Chief Wallace recommended that Fireman Chris Matthews be suspended without pay for 5 consecutive shifts, and to be placed on 6 months probation, with the understanding that any further tardiness would be grounds for recommending immediate termination. Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Michael and with the Aldermen present, voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to Adjourn. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK