

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
DECEMBER 16, 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, December 16, 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 City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman David Bolen.

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 December 2, 2014, board meeting;
- (2) To accept the letter of resignation of Lavaile Shields effective January 2, 2015;
- (3) To approve Mayor Blythe attending Mid-Winter Conference on January 27 through January 29, 2015, with the costs to include meals, lodging, mileage and registration in the amount of \$838.10;
- (4) To approve Abby Williford as an Animal Shelter Volunteer;
- (5) To approve the continuation of the engagement letter with Jones & Jones;
- (6) To approve sending unclaimed Gas & Water Meter deposits to the State of Mississippi unclaimed property in the total amount of \$6,726.08.

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

There next came on before the Board, Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street Association. Trudy announced that not a lot was taking place this time of year, but wanted to thank everyone who had participated in the Prentiss County

Goodfellow Program.

Next, David Moore presented the costs for repairing the drainage issues on Fifth Street. Alderman Williams made a motion that we continue the project to the open ditch, which would be aluminized pipe and would be an estimated costs as calculated by David Moore in the amount of \$13,195.25. Said motion was 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 open bids on the Brewer Street property. James Jones was the only bidder at \$10,000.00. This was below the appraised value, however, waste was occurring on the property, because of the open ceiling. To avoid future waste and the decreased value of the property, Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve said bid, 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 seek quotes for a front-end loader for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. 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 seek quotes for a four-wheel drive extended cab truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on consideration, the request to advertise for bids for Depositories. Alderman Bolen 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 add the net of the industrial assessed property value for 2014, that was left off the annual budget. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request from Lanette Wold to keep

the west side Community Center open on New Year's Eve, for a party for the youth. She would keep it opened until 12:30 a.m. 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 carrier for our copier service. Xerox had bid \$609.31 a month, for the average number of copies normally used, for a four (4) year contract, but it would be re-certified machines. Mid-South Digital bid \$659.17, for the average number of black and white copies and colored copies, but it would be new machines, and their service agreement would require them to be on site within four (4) hours. Mayor Blythe recommended Mid-South Digital as being the best bid for the City's copier service. 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 appoint Jana Lindsey, as Interim City Clerk, on an emergency basis, given that Lavaile Shields was resigning, and the City did not need to be without a Clerk for a month. Alderman Williams 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 post for the City Clerk position. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, the Boys & Girls Club. Mayor Blythe reported that it had come to his attention that several people had keys to the community center, and that he had not known about that prior to witnessing it himself. Alderman McCoy made a motion to change the locks on the doors and to give a key to Angela Jumper, and have her to appear before the Board to explain what was going on at the Community Center. Alderman Williams seconded said motion, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the holiday

greetings ads for WBIP, Banner Independent, and Prentiss County Progress. The amount to be spent was the same amount as last year, and all ads would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Under the Board Report, the Board thanked Lavaile Shields for all of her service to the Mayor, Board, and to the citizens of the City of Booneville, Mississippi.

Next, under the Mayor's Report. The Mayor requested that he have permission to receive bids on the NGV Fueling Station. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that he be allowed to take bids to have the Tahoes converted to natural gas. Alderman Williams 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 adjourn the meeting, 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