

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
DECEMBER 17, 2013**

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 17, 2013, 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 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 December 3, and December 5, 2013 Board meetings;
- (2) To reimburse the General Fund \$31.78 for the Southern Communications Bill;
- (3) To hire Katherine "Alesa" Taylor at the Library, part-time at \$7.25 per hour, effective immediately;
- (4) For Mayor Derrick Blythe to attend the 2014 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference on January 28 through January 30, 2014 at Jackson, Mississippi, with the costs including meals, lodging, registration, and mileage, in the amount of \$806.05;
- (5) To approve Jana Lindsey attending the 2014 Spring Session for Clerks, Collectors, and Deputies in Oxford, Mississippi on February 26 through February 28, 2014, with the total costs of \$200.00;
- (6) To declare surplus funds in the Gas Department in the amount of \$400,000;
- (7) To transfer surplus funds in the amount of \$400,000.00, from the Gas Department to the General Fund.

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

There next came on before the Board Trudy Featherston with the Main Street Association. She

recognized the new Board of Directors and announced that there would be Christmas Open House on December 19, 2013, and invited all to attend.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Lee Wren, as a full-time, with the gas and water department, at \$9.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the Gas rate of \$11.20 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request purchase a computer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and to establish internet service. This would be so that the City could comply with the DEQ/EPA requirements, to file completed reports online. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, David Moore discussing Phase 1 of the Sewer Rehab Project. He announced that the costs would be approximately \$900,000, and wished to go ahead and obtain bids from a licensed, bonded, and insured contractor. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman 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 advertise for bids to replace the metal and insulation on the roof, at the Gas & Water building, with four (4) skylights to be put in at the back warehouse portion. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to obtain quotes for a video security system with audio for the Gas & Water Office. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to table the request to purchase a commercial washer for Station 3. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman 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 rip rap the ditch between Wendy's and the proposed Taco Bell site. The costs would be \$60,000 and would be too expensive for the City to do.

Alderman Williams made a motion not to do this due to the costs involved, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to obtain quotes for replacing the windows at City Hall. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded Alderman 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 purchase an ad in the Prentiss County Progress, which would be a Christmas Ad and would be a 1/4 page, at the costs of \$175.00. Said ad would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad in the Booneville Kiwanis Club Basketball Tournament program. The ad costs would be \$50.00, and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad in the Prentiss County Basketball Tournament Program, which would be held at New Site. The costs would be \$60.00 for a full page ad, and would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe reported the following:

- (a) Discussed for the Board to consider using inmates or part-time employees to weed eat the cemetery, in an effort to save money;
- (b) Announced that the City of Booneville was ironing out minor differences with the PSC. However if we changed anything, including the earlier approved fee increase for deposits, the city would have to begin the process all over of obtaining a gas tariff. Therefore the Mayor asked for a motion to rescind the prior fee increases and to refund any money that had been received, due to those increases. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried;
- (c) Requested the Board to consider moving on putting the new time clocks in on all departments;
- (d) Announced that the Development Association had requested that we look into renaming Wolverine Drive, since a new business was taking over;

(e) Requested the Board to approve putting a radar in the new patrol unit no. 197. The costs would be between \$1,200.00 and \$1,500.00, and would come out of the Police Department Special Assessment Fund. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, 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 an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, 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 McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

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

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



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK