

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
DECEMBER 4, 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, December 4, 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 Harold Eaton, Alderman Wilda Pounds, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Mark McCoy. Alderman David Bolen was not present. 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 Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Fire Chief Jerry Wallace.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Joe Eaton.

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 20, 2012, board meeting and the revised minutes of the October 16, 2012 board meeting;
- (2) To approve paying postage for the tax cards in the amount of \$1,011.36;
- (3) To approve Mayor Joe Eaton attending the Mid-Winter Mississippi Municipal League Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, from January 29<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. The costs including hotel, registration, and meals to be \$435.00;
- (4) To approve the Mayor approving the use of the City credit card in emergency situation.

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

Next, Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve all the items on the monthly accounts with the exception of the Frontier Strategies in the amount of \$735.00. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Harold Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman Mark McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of two (2) for and two (2) against, Mayor Eaton voted "Nay" to break the tie. With a vote of three (3) against and two (2) for, the motion failed.

Next, Alderman Harold Eaton a motion to approve all items on the monthly accounts, seconded by Alderman Williams. The following vote was had:

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Pounds "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of two (2) for and two (2) against, Mayor Joe Eaton voted "Aye," breaking the tie. With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion carried.

There next came before the Board, Leon Hayes with the Prentiss County Development Association, giving a report to the Board on the upcoming program of work for 2013.

There next came before the Board, Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street Association. She reported to the Board the following. That the Christmas Queen Pageant was held at the Booneville Hardware Store. On the success of the open house on the businesses in downtown. On the success of the Good Fellow Program. On the success of the Christmas Parade.

There next came before Board, the opening of the bids for the home grants. The first home grant was 611 North College Street on the home of Eula Gator. Druetto Construction had bid \$120,150.00 for the house finished in vinyl, and \$129,900.00 with the house finished in brick. Burton Builders had bid \$124,425.00 for the house finished in vinyl and \$132,825.00 for the house finished in brick.

The next house was located at 705 C Jacinto Road and it would be the home of Joyce Friar. Druetto Construction bid \$103,800.00 for the house finished in vinyl, and \$105,100.00 for the house to be finished in brick. Burton Builders bid \$94,205.00 for the house finished in vinyl and \$101,050.00 for the house finished in brick.

The last house was that located at 205 Cedar Street and would be the home of Oliver Spencer. Druetto Construction bid \$105,300.00 total. Burton Builders bid \$102,360.00 with house finished in vinyl, and \$108,460.00 with the house finished in brick.

Mayor Eaton would get with the proper authorities and report these bids.

There next came for consideration, the request to allow the Mayor to sign any documents

necessary associated with this home grant. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Jackie Leach, as a part-time employee with the Park Department, at \$8.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came before the Board, the request to table going into an executive session, on personnel matter with the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to hire Adam Cook, who was a full time certified officer, as a part-time patrol officer, at \$8.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Ramey, to purchase the radio equipment for the Police Department, Fire Department, and Street Department at State contract price, with Integrated Communications at the price \$23,720.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Ronnie Johnson to open quotes for the clean up and demolition of property. The specifications for each project would be located in the office of Ronnie Johnson.

There first came on for consideration, the request to open quotes on the property located at 717 Jacinto Road. Alderman Williams made a motion to give the owner an additional thirty (30) days, but after the thirty (30) days the City would open the quotes and clean the property up. Alderman McCoy seconded said motion, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property in this category was located at 305 East Lake Street. Stan Norris had bid \$1,650.00 and Chris Johnson had bid \$1,988.00. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve the low bid of Stan Norris, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board

present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property in this category was located 201 East Lake Street. Stan Norris had bid \$680.00 and Chris Johnson had \$588.00. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the low bid of Chris Johnson, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next category of property was property that the property owners had been given a second thirty (30) day extension. The properties were at 600 Martin Luther King Drive and owned by Willie Shinault with demo having not been started; 602 Martin Luther King Drive, owned by John Anderson with the demolition 90% complete, but worked had stopped; and the property located at 100 Jacinto Road in the name of T J Miller. The work had been started, but Mr. Miller had become ill. Alderman Williams made a motion to give all property owners in this category an additional thirty (30) days, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next category of properties were those that had received a thirty (30) day extension. The first property in this category was located at 202 Bridge Street. Nothing had been done to this date. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give an additional thirty (30) days, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located at 202 Brewer Street and the clean up was in progress.

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The last property in this category was located at 600 Dogwood Stand Road and the property owners had become in compliance with the City's request.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the City to approve the property clean up costs and penalty, as a lien on the property, with said lien to be filed with the Circuit and Chancery Clerks office as was customary, and for the property to be sold for taxes, as customary by the tax collector, for the City of Booneville, Mississippi, for the collections of this lien.

The first property was located at 201 Jumper Circle. The costs of the clean up was \$901.00 with 15% penalty for an additional of \$135.00, and a total of \$1,036.15. Alderman McCoy made a motion that this be filed as a lien and sold for taxes, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located at 200 Foster Park. The costs for clean up was \$474.00, plus 15% penalty, for an additional of \$71.11, for a total of \$545.10. Alderman Pounds made a motion that

this be filed as a lien and sold for taxes , seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next piece of property was located at 208 Westover Heights. The costs for clean up was \$150.00, plus 15% penalty, for an additional of \$22.50, for a total of \$172.50. Alderman Pounds made a motion that this be filed as a lien and sold for taxes, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The last piece of property in this category was located at 1401 West College Street. The costs for clean up was \$484.00, plus 15% penalty, for an additional of \$72.60, for a total \$556.60. Alderman McCoy made a motion that this be filed as a lien and sold for taxes, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to advertise for depositories for 2013 through 2015. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the Board Report. Alderman McCoy requested that Janet Boren with the Gas & Water Department, get her time together that she had spent on the PSC Project.

There next came on for consideration, the Mayor's Report. The first item on the Mayor's Report, was his request to move the first meeting in January to Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. This was due to the New Year's holiday.

There next came on for consideration, that if necessary, to declare surplus funds in the Gas and Water Department in the amount of \$200,000.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to transfer the \$200,000.00 from gas and water to the general fund if necessary. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

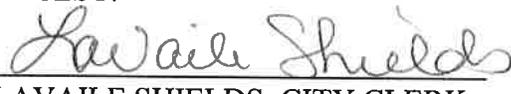
Next there came on for discussion, Attorney Daniel K. Tucker advising the Board that he had talked with Auditor David Jones concerning outstanding City Court fines. He had announced that anyone owing fines needed to get those paid within the next few months, or their name would be published in the newspaper, and they would be given a Court date to get those fines paid. If they had not paid those fines by that date, there would be a warrant issued for their arrest.

There next came on for consideration, the motion made by Alderman McCoy requesting to post for Gas & Water manager and/or department head. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

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

  
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JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK