

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
FEBRUARY 4, 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, February 4, 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 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 January 16, 2014 and January 21, 2014 Board meetings;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept the resignation of Gary Grimes effective January 16, 2014;
- (4) To accept the resignation of Chris Shaburn effective February 12, 2014;
- (5) To post for the school board member appointment;
- (6) To approve a \$150.00 payment to the Mississippi Municipal Clerk Association for graduation of Jana Lindsey.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, 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 post for umpires and score keepers at the Park Department. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for part-time workers at the Booneville Park. 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 next came on for discussion, the purchase of the front end loader. Apparently, the loader that the City had been looking at had been sold out from under us. Alderman Williams made a motion to get in contact with someone who would demonstrate and us to use a bobcat, to see if that would fill out needs. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to send Wendell Yates, Janet Boren, and Cindy Steward, to attend the MNGA Trade Show in Tupelo, Mississippi on March 12 and 13, 2014, with the costs to include registration, at \$450.00. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the City to sign an agreement with BBI, Inc., for MS-EZPAY.COM online payment through the BBI portal. This would allow customers to make payments by credit card, on the internet, at no costs to the City. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting that he be allowed to perform the annual test and maintenance on the pumper, to gain re-certification. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to post for four (4) part-time 1001-1 certified firemen. Alderman Michael 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, Chief Wallace requesting permission for four (4) firemen to attend the Hale Pump Rebuilding Class. The County is providing all transportation and course fees. The course is from February 17 through February 20, 2014,

and the Chief may need to fill slots on the shifts that those men worked, while they are taking the class. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to purchase three (3) face shields and three (3) pair of gloves at \$208.17. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michel Ramey requesting that he be allowed to keep Chris Shadburn, as a part-time dispatcher, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour. 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 by Chief Ramey to allow him to post for a full-time dispatcher position at the rate of \$10.20 per hour for a non-certified and \$10.70 per hour for a certified to be increased, to \$11.21 per hour, after six (6) months. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to post for a full time patrol officer position, to be filled by an officer already full time certified, as a law enforcement officer by the Mississippi Board of Minimum Standards and Training. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to post for a part-time officer position, to be filled by an officer already full time certified, as a law enforcement officer, by the Mississippi Board of Minimum Standards and Training. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded 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 transfer the F-150 from the park and rec department, to the street department, and to transfer a unit from the street department,

to the park and rec department. 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 sign a CEDA Resolution, which stands for Citizens Economic Development Act. This would allow cities to call for special election for tax increase to raise money for a specific project. Once that project is paid for, that tax would stop. It would have to be a special election and would have to be approved by 60% of the voters. Alderman Michael made said motion to approve the resolution, 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 by Mayor Blythe to vote on withdrawing from the MDOT Grant for the bike/walking trail. 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 hire the building inspector/code official.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to hire Gary Walker. The motion received no second, and therefore died for lack of second.

Alderman Williams made a motion to hire Jeff McCoy. Alderman Mark McCoy recused himself from this vote. The motion received no second, and therefore died for lack of second.

Alderman Michael made a motion to hire Charles Sanders, with a start date of April 14, 2014, at the rate of \$35,000.00 per year, with a \$2,500.00 increase at six (6) months, if he had fulfilled all the job requirements, then an additional \$2,500.00 raise after one year, if the budget allowed, and he had meet all the job requirements. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Board Report.

Alderman Williams thanked Tom Sanders, for his work while filling in for the building inspector/code official.

Alderman McCoy inquired about Lake Street and what the construction company was going to do to fix that street. Mayor Blythe stated that the Paul Smithy Construction Company was going to come back in and dig that street out, fill it back in and re-pave the street at no costs to the City.

Alderman Bolen announced that there would be a new SEC station that would broadcast all SEC events. He informed the citizens that if they want that channel, they would need to contact the cable company to let them know, so that can see what demands was out there for that channel.

Next came on the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Blythe reported that he was preparing a tax incentive packages for new businesses and would be putting that together, and presenting it to the Board at a later date.

Next, Mayor Blythe ask the Board to allow him to set a work session to address the issues in the Employee Handbook.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested the Board to consider a backup plan in case Jumper Oil was to run out of gas again. He ask them to consider this matter.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session, to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, 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 Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Back in open session it was announced that the there was discussion of potential

purchase of land with no action was taken.

Next, there was a request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, 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 Bolen made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

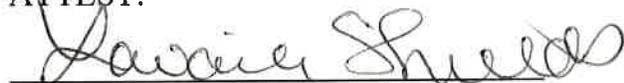
Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed, with no action taken.

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



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK