MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE FEBRUARY 7, 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, February 7, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and the following members of the Board: Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jeff Williams, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman David Bolen. 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 City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Wilda Pounds.

There First came before the Board, the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

(1) To approve the minutes of the January 17, 2012 and January 30, 2012 Board meetings;

(2) To approve the monthly accounts;

(3) To approve final payment for ARRA MDOT Signal Project in the amount of $1,900.25;

(4) To approve the resignation of Cynthia Willis, as librarian;

(5) To approve Lavaile Shields attending the 2012 Spring Conference for Clerks and Collectors in Hattisburg, Mississippi from March 28, 2012 through March 30, 2012. The costs including registration, lodging, and meals is approximately $422.00, with the City to advance travel costs;

(6) To approve Ronda Todd attending the Municipal Court Clerks Spring Conference in Jackson, Mississippi from March 8, 2012 through March 9, 2012. The costs including registration, lodging, meals, and mileage in the amount of $504.70, with the City to advance travel costs.

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

There next came on for discussion, David Moore discussing the sewer project for Sandy Fisher. He informed the Board that Sandy Fisher was going to pay the cost to put a lift station in and that he would obtain those figures and report back to the Board at the next Board meeting.

There next came on for discussion, Warren McMillan complaining about the noise being made by New Covenant Church which was in close proximity to his residence.

Next, there came on for discussion Trudy Featherson giving the monthly report on the Main Street Association. She reported that the Main Street Association was working on brochures advertising restaurants within the City of Booneville.

There next came Ronnie Johnson, with Public Properties. Ronnie requested that the Board approve the schedule for minimum estimated costs of construction used to determine building permit fees, to be effective March 1, 2012. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman

Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Ronnie Johnson recommended the City hiring Gary Coats, as maintenance technician at $12.00 per hour. Alderman McCoy made the motion hire Gary Coats with his effective start date of February 8, 2012, at the rate of pay recommended by Ronnie Johnson. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of bids for the Gas & Water Service Counter. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the request for assistance to clean-up property located at 704 East Church Street. Alderman McCoy made a motion that Attorney Daniel Tucker send a notice of hearing to the property owner, so that a public hearing can be held on the clean up of said property. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace. Chief Wallace requested approval for him to purchase four (4) fire helmets with face shields. Three (3) would be traditional helmets, at the approximate costs of $200.00 each and one would be a modern helmet, at the approximate costs of $148.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Wallace requested permission to approve purchasing four (4) additional face shields for fire helmets. The costs would be approximately $70.00 each, with three (3) being Bullards brands, and one being a Morning Pride brand. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Fire Chief Wallace gave an update on the fire department.

Next, Tim Holloway with the Park and Maintenance came before the Board. Tim Holloway first requested permission to purchase partitions to go in the men and women bathrooms at the softball complex. The lowest bid was from Tull Brothers in the amount of $2,685.00, which would include all of the hardware and installation. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Tim Holloway requested permission to allow Larry Joe Crosby to haul the soil dry from Birmingham back to Booneville. The costs of the materials would be approximately $1,560.00 and the costs to transport would be $600.00. If the City did the transportation itself, using the its own truck, it would cost more than $600.00. Alderman McCoy 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 discussions, the the replacement of the concession stand on the 13-14 year old baseball field. Ronnie Johnson was going to obtain quotes on said concessions.

There next came before the Board, Brent Mauney, with Park and Recreations. Mr. Mauney

requested that the Board approve the contract between Coca Cola and the City. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, there came the request to post for one full-time and one part-time employee at the City Park with said need being an emergency, since employees were being transferred out. 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, the request to consolidate separate payroll accounts into one per David Jones. This would include transferring balances from payroll accounts back to system funds, which in the gas payroll to gas system funds would be $33,821.18. Form the water payroll to the water system fund would be $31,032.79. A buffer for withholdings and insurance into a consolidated gas and water payroll clearing account. The gas system and water system payroll clearing to obtain approximately $15,000.00 each. Alderman Pounds 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 consideration, the request to approve paying Big V Water Association $1.25 per meter for billing information to be effective January 17, 2012. Alderman Harold Eaton 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 before the Board, Billy Joe Spencer asking for adjustments for customers that had applied for the same.

First was for Comer & Comer, located at 106 West College Street. That the total water and sewer adjustment in the amount of $94.69. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, was an adjustment for Catherine Valazquez, at 308 Foster Park, with the total water sewer adjustment in the amount of $757.21. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, was an adjustment for Lori Stennett, at 402 Central Drive, in the amount of $419.21. Alderman McCoy made said motion. The motion received no second, therefore the motion died for lack of a second.

Next, Mrs. Kay Jackson of 400 Court Street, was asking for the City to pay a $70.00 repair bill to her waterline. The request received no motion, therefore died for lack of a motion.

Next, Jane R. Allen of 308 Walker Avenue was asking the City to pay a $120.00 repair bill to her waterline. Billy Joe Spencer was instructed to get with Tidwell & Associates to pay this.

There next came on for consideration, the discussion for the security system at the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Bolen made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by David Moore for the Board to approve

the bid from Delta Constructors, Inc., from Jackson, Mississippi for the Waste Water Treatment Plant renovations and improvements, with their bid being the lowest bid at $888,850.00. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, 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 Board to approve a resolution declaring the intention of the Mayor and Board of Alderman for the City of Booneville, Mississippi, to issue general obligations utility bonds of said municipality in the maximum principle amount of $2,000,000.00, to raise money for the purpose of erecting, purchasing, repairing, improving, and extending its water works system and repairing, improving, and extending its sanitory, storm, drainage, sewerage systems; and authorizing the reimbursement to the City's general funds for certain expenditures; and directing publication of notice of such intention. 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 for consideration, the request for the Board of Alderman to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi to proceed with taking such actions as are necessary and appropriate to authorize and improve the engagement of certain professionals with respect to issuance of the proposed general obligation utility bonds of the municipality; and related matters. Alderman Harold Eaton 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 before the Board, Police Chief Michael Ramey. Chief Ramey first requested approval to remove two (2) retired Glock pistols from his inventory. Those being a Model 23 HZY 787 retired to Chief Fortenberry and the other being a Model 23 HZY 785 retired to Officer Duncan. Alderman Pounds 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 the request by Chief Ramey to post for five (5) part-time patrol officers. Alderman McCoy 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 before the Board, Chief Ramey requesting that any part-time officer sign a statement stipulating that if a part-time officer or dispatcher is called to work three (3) times in row and either does not respond or refuse to work without a legitimate excuse, the Chief would be allowed to remove them from the roster without any Board action. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey updated the Board and reported that all training had been completed by the State deadline.

There next came on for consideration, the request for approval to hire Amy Shavers, as a Librarian at $7.25 per hour effective February 9, 2012. Alderman Pounds 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 to approve Amy Whitten with the Whitten

Group, to conduct training in all departments on sexual harassments, with the costs to be split with the Gas & Water Department. The costs would be $2,500.00, plus travel. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next was the Board Report. Alderman Harold Eaton requested that the City amend its employment policy and the employee handbook and to add the following: That once hired, any employee that is promoted, or transferred within their current department or another department, shall not be allowed to return to his or her former position, without approval of the Board of Alderman. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion to approve the amended policy, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next on the Board Report, Alderman McCoy reported that tomorrow at the City Park, at 10:30 a.m., that Langston Properties would be donating a 900 RTV Kabota to the City. Anyone that wanted to attend was welcomed.

Next, Alderman Harold Eaton requested that the Mayor look into potential grants from Mississippi Toyota, who was giving out grants to preserve arts and culture.

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

Next was a motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, 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 was discussed, with no action taken.

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

JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK