

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
MARCH 18, 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, March 18, 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 Jeff Williams.

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 March 4, 2014 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve James Olive and Kenny White attending the Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training Re-certification with the costs of the registration fee to be \$40.00 each.

Alderman Williams 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 for consideration, the request to approve Jerry Dees using the Booneville Hardware Building to sponsor a cultural arts event, with the fee to be waived in exchange for Jerry Dees, filming certain Booneville events, and playing those on the local TV station, which 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.

Next, there next came on for discussion, Trudy Featherston reporting the Booneville Main Street Association activities. She reported that she would be attending a Main Street meeting in Corinth, Mississippi. She also reported that she would be attending a Main Street meeting in Laurel. Finally, she reported that on March 31, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., there would be a ribbon cutting at Clark Computers.

There next came on for consideration, Jack Griffith requesting that the Board approve the resolution of applying for the Recreational Trails Program Grant. The grant would be in the amount of \$60,000.00, which was 80% and the City would have to match 20% or \$17,00.00, which could be with in kind services. Alderman Williams made a motion to pass the resolution and allow the City to apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant. 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 for discussion, Rita McCarter requesting that gas services be extended so that residents in her area would receive natural gas services.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go ahead and approve the Hills Chapel Gas Extension Project. 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, Alderman McCoy made a motion that the Board receive cost estimates on the remaining Gas Extension projects, 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 post for the position at the Waste/Water Treatment Plant, for the maintenance/lab tech. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a four (4) for and one against, the motion to table carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow Michael Rutherford with the Booneville Fire Department, to teach a Fire Prevention Program within the school systems. Alderman Michael made a 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 permission to start a Tither Test and Hepatitis Shot Program with the firemen. Alderman Williams made a motion to do antibody level testing, so that the Fire Chief could report back as to how many people need shots, and that way

he could determine an approximate cost. 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 for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that he be allowed to post for a part-time certified dispatcher. Alderman Bolen 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 approve a K-9 dog being used at the Booneville Police Department. The dog is already owned by one of our part-time officers, and there would be no purchase costs for the dog. There would be a fee of \$50.00 to \$100.00 to re-certify the dog. Alderman McCoy made said motion, but in his motion, the part-time officer would not be allowed to carry a City vehicle home, 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 change the fine for no drivers license from \$47.00 to \$200.00, plus Court costs. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded 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 a proclamation declaring April to be Safe Digging Month sponsored by the 811. Alderman Bolen 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 table opening an account for the Rubbish Fund until the Board could meet with David Jones. Alderman Michael 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 the Board Report. Alderman Bolen reported that people were walking their dogs at the Park and they needed to understand that there could be no vicious animal at the park, and no dogs, around the baseball fields. Any animal on the walking trails had to be on leashes.

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

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

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

Back in open meeting, it was announced that a property purchase was discussed, with no action taken.

There next came on for consideration, the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe requested that Alderman Michael carry the flag to represent the City of Booneville at the MML Conference coming up in June.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that the Board approve the volunteers, who had completed a volunteer form, to volunteer at the animal shelter. The volunteers were Samantha Irvin, Francis Daugherty, Oretia Daugherty, April Russell, Sue Walker, Jamie Calley, Sheila Luff, Charlotte Adkins, Kristy Walker, Anne Marie Ford, Jerry A. Ford, Cherry Kennedy, Sam Galloway, Shirley Barron, Kelsie Yates, Lindsey Taylor, Jennifer Britton McLain, Chris Hanna, Bud Hanna. Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the volunteers, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe and the Board of Aldermen congratulated the Booneville Girls Basketball Team for winning the State 3A Championship.

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