

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
MARCH 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, March 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 City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

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 February 11, 2014 and February 18, 2014 Board meetings;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept the resignation of Elizabeth Taylor, effective March 6, 2014;
- (4) To accept William Shinault's letter of retirement, effective June 20, 2014;
- (5) To approve paying Prentiss County for the Code Red Emergency Alert System in the amount of \$4,000.00;
- (6) To approve running background checks for all new employee hires for the City of Booneville.

Alderman Williams 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, Ashley Hurt and representatives for the Omni Court System discussing how the new software would update the Municipal Court system, and

would eliminate a lot of repetitive work tasks.

Ashley Hurt requested that a special assessment in the amount of \$23.00 be added to each charge and from that, \$20.00 would go to pay Omni Court for the new system. This would be no out of pocket expense to the tax payer but would be paid by the offender. The remaining \$3.00, would go into a Court technology fund, which would fund computer equipment for the Court and Court personnel, software/hardware updates, office furniture, court room furniture, etc. The \$23.00 assessment would be held out, effective immediately, but the City would not start paying Omni Court's until the system is up and running. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the new assessment of \$23.00, of which \$20.00 would go directly to Omni Court per charge from which people were found guilty or pled guilty to. The remaining \$3.00 would go into the Court technology fund, which would fund computer equipment for the Court and Court personnel, software/hardware updates, office furniture, court room furniture, etc. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Michael made a motion to approve using the Omni Court System, and allowing Ashley Hurt to get the system in place. Alderman McCoy seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve a new court technology fund, which would fund computer equipment for the Court and Court personnel, software/hardware updates, office furniture, court room furniture, etc. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next appeared before the Board, James Griffin with Extreme Outdoor and Rental describing his business, and that he would be having a grand opening on March 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open bids for the roof repair at the Gas & Water Department. Mayor Blythe requested a start date for the project of March 31, 2014, and end date of May 2, 2014. Any day after May 2, 2014, the contractor would be charged a \$100.00 per day charge, as a late fee for not having completed the job timely.

Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, came the opening of the bids. Three (3) bids were received. The first bid was from Real McCoy Steel for \$20,500.00 plain or \$22,000.00 painted. The next bid was by Mastercraft. The total bid was for \$16,800.00, with them disposing of the roof panels or \$17,250.00 with us disposing of the roof panels. This product would carry a forty (40) year warranty. The next bid was Jeff McCoy, who bid \$18,800.00 for plain, and \$21,500.00 for painted. Alderman McCoy had recused himself in this matter. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the lowest bid of Mastercraft at \$17,250.00, with the City to dispose of the roof panels, and with the product carrying a forty (40) year warranty. Alderman Michael seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Brent Mauney to hire Roundle McVey at \$9.00 per hour, at Park Maintenance, effective immediately. 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 table posting for a position at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for a maintenance/lab tech person. This matter would be tabled until such time as the Board is given specs and qualifications for the job. 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 obtain quotes for a used four-wheel drive truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. 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 consideration, the request to accept the lowest bid of Eubank Construction Company in the amount of \$686,356.50 for Phase 1 of the sewer project. There had been six (6) bidders in all and Eubank Construction Company was the lowest bidder. 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 hire Dennis Erickson and Blake Kelly, as part-time firemen, who have full time certification at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. 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 transfer Clay Koon from a part-time position, to full time officer at the rate of \$13.99 per hour, effective immediately. This was being requested by Chief Ramey, due the shortage of man power of officers having resigned, being on medical leave, and the fact that it was the time of year for park activities to be gearing up full time. The man power was needed on an emergency basis. 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 for consideration, the request to appoint Tracie Langston, as the Booneville School Board member. Alderman McCoy recused himself from this matter. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen remaining, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe, to pass a return check fee policy. He requested that a \$20.00 return check fee be charged for all return checks at any department within 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, the request to table the discussion for the part-time Court clerk position. Alderman Williams 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 for the City of Booneville to sign an Interlocal Agreement, based on Mississippi authority, for the City of Booneville to be able to

purchase products from the state of Texas, at Texas stated contract price. This was allowed by Mississippi statute. 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 the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe reported that he had received complaints on the \$1.00 rubbish fee. He informed the Board that they had two (2) choices. That was to push forward, or to eliminate all leaf and rubbish collection. The Board affirmatively stated that they wanted to push forward with the \$1.00 rubbish fee, which still did not include the City's costs.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that the public hearing for the landlord license would be held on March 13, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board room.

Next, Mayor Blythe reported that Kids Town was in need of some repairs and protection. He stated that he would be preparing a list of items that needed to be repaired and see if he could get community involvement in repairing the same. He also announced that he would be boarding up the volcano section at Kids Town, because of some inappropriate behavior of some adults. He also informed that he wanted strict enforcement of all City ordinances at Kids Town.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that the Board approve him allowing the Tax Office to maintain \$250.00 in change in the draw at the start of each business day. This would prevent frequent trips to the bank, which they were having to do now.

Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Jerry Dees requested that he be allowed to use the Booneville Hardware at no charge, for approximately three (3) months. That he would be hosting a music show there one time per month, and would be hosting a program called Mississippi Music, of which he would be recording free of charge different music events at the Hardware, and those would be replayed on the TV station. This would be free publicity for the City of Booneville. The Mayor and Aldermen requested that he obtain information as to when these programs would be aired, and report back to the Board, and they would make a decision at a later date.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that he push forward with the volunteer program at the Animal Shelter. This would allow volunteers to man the office during certain hours, so that pets could be adopted out.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that he wanted the Board to be aware that there was a difference between a certified firemen and police officers versus other City employees. Specifically, that the firemen and police officers had to provid their own equipment and the other City employees, such as weed eaters, do not have to provide their tools of the trade.

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



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK