

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
APRIL 15, 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, April 15, 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 April 1, 2014 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve two attendees to attend the Leadercast Seminar in Corinth at the cost of \$50.00 per person;
- (3) To approve Ashley Hurt attending the Mississippi Municipal Court Seminar in Gulfport, Mississippi on June 23 and June 24, 2014. The costs to include mileage, meals, lodging, and registration in the amount of \$788.91;
- (4) To approve the Carleigh Vick Memorial Scholarship through the D.A.R.E. fund for \$500.00;
- (5) To approve sending Paul Duvall to Glock Armorer Training in Tupelo, Mississippi. The cost would be \$195.00;
- (6) To approve sending Josh Davis to the S.E.R.T. Course on May 19-May 23, 2014 in Moorhead, Mississippi. The costs including meals and lodging to be \$575.00, plus fuel card;
- (7) To approve sending Janet Boren and David Moore to Neptune Technology Conference on May 19 and May 20, 2014 at Tallassee, Alabama, with the costs to include meals and fuel in the amount of \$294.00.

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

There next came on for consideration, Alderman Eaton making a motion to rescind the prior

action of the Board approving trash receptacles, and asking for a revote to not approve the trash receptacle being provided, at the cost of \$1.05 per month, per customer. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote of three (3) to two (2), the motion to rescind carried, and the prior action approving the trash receptacles was reversed.

There next came on Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street. She advised that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt upcoming, which would be sponsored by ACCO. She also announced that there would be a dog show to promote the Halfway Home Animal Shelter, formerly known as the Booneville Animal Shelter. She also informed that the Booneville Heritage Day was coming along and there would be puppet shows, car shows, and many other activities for the Booneville Heritage Festival.

There next came before the Board Bill Watson with Community Capital Resources requesting the Board to sign a non-binding letter of intent, to approve the new technology to be implemented at the Waste/Water Treatment Facility, that would treat Booneville's waste water at no costs to Booneville. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the rental fee for the Community Center for a benefit fund raiser to be held for Eva Lambert, long time Booneville resident. The funds would go to pay the remainder of her funeral expenses and would be held May 10, 2014. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to waive the rental fee for the Booneville Hardware for the Relay for Life Fundraiser, to be held April 28, 2014. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request by Bill White, to receive a building permit for his property located on South Lake Street. The building had been condemned. Alderman McCoy

made a motion to decline the building permit and to give him thirty (30) days to start action to tear said property down. Alderman Michael seconded said motion, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to remove Chuckie Leach from the park employees list and to replace him with Ray Chambers, as a seasonal employee. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a mower for the Park. The price of the mower, with an upgraded seat, would be \$7,723.00, and would be purchased from Extreme Outdoor and Rental. Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the purchase of the lawn mower, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to add to the Park shop a barricade around the fuel tanks, that would be received by the City. The costs would be approximately \$900.00. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for additional security at the Park during the games each night, during the busy summer months. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, Mayor Blythe stating that the bathrooms at the Park had been cleaned much better recently, and that we wished the work to continue.

There next came on for consideration, James Olive with the Street Department requesting that he be allowed to purchase a bush hog from Murphy Brothers Trading, in the amount of \$3,773.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, David Moore discussed the Sidewalk Project and stated that the bids had been received and opened. This would be placed on the next agenda for vote.

There next came on for consideration, Janet Boren with the Gas & Water Department, requesting that language be added to the return check policy. She requested that after all resources have been exhausted, that she have authorization to apply any deposits or security on file with the City/Gas & Water Department, to cover a returned check. This would be on an as needed basis, and

she would not have to get the Board approval for each time that she would do this. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Billy Spencer requesting that he be allowed to purchase a bush hog. Alderman Bolen made a motion that he obtained quotes, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Billy Spencer discussed the broken water line on Hwy 45. Alderman McCoy made a motion that we allow Kevin Eubank to do the trench work, and the City do the work itself of repairing said water line. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Gas Extension Installation Plan. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase a video security system. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to a purchase a truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for approval for the Mayor to sign the credit card application for the Fleet cards on behalf of the City. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Board's Report.

Alderman Bolen reported that he wanted the Board to more closely follow the current Agenda Policy, that way the Board would have more time to consider any issues that came before them.

Next, Alderman McCoy ask that we have a work session to determine how to clean the trash receptacles that are out on the edge of the roads, that leads to littering of the streets and other people's properties.

There next came on for consideration, the Mayor's Report.

There first came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe to approve accepting from Baptist Hospital AED units. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael,

and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that Willie Jackson be appointed as a part-time Sunflower Park Director. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested that Board consider a new policy of sending the building permits and business license information to the County Tax Assessor. Alderman McCoy made a motion that the policy be to send that information to the County Tax Assessor each and every Monday morning. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe informed that the Relay for Life had sent to the City of Booneville medallions, to be placed on the Entrance signs for the City of Booneville.

Next, Mayor Blythe informed the Board that they had received the resignation of the full-time firefighter Brian Goecke.

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

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

After executive session, Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that no action was taken.

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

  
DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK