

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
APRIL 2, 2013**

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 2, 2013, 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 Wilda Pounds, 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 Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Wilda Pounds.

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 19, 2013, board meeting;
- (2) To approve Amanda Bland and Lavaile Shields to attend the Tax Collection, Tax Sales, and Land Redemption Class in Brandon, Mississippi on May 15, 2013, with the costs to include registration, meals and hotel, with the approximate costs in the amount of \$350.00.

Alderman Harold Eaton made said 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 carried.

There next came on for consideration, a request to approve the monthly accounts. Alderman Harold Eaton recused himself on this matter. Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the monthly accounts, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the remaining members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve hiring Lucy Hill, as a part time employee, at the Park, at \$7.75 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present

and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, James Olive with the Street Department. James requested that he be allowed to post to hire part-time/seasonal help, with the upcoming mowing and weed eating season approaching. 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, James Olive requesting that he be allowed to hire James McGee, at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. He would be spraying for mosquitos. 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.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Ronnie Johnson, to approve for advertising for bids for weed eating at the Booneville cemetery. 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 by Ronnie Johnson to approve to advertise for bids for mowing and up keeping the following:

- (1) The Booneville signs, including planting, mulching, and weeding the beds;
- (2) Peeler Park;
- (3) Across from the Depot and North of the Depot;
- (4) The triangle at Market and Main streets;
- (5) George E. Allen Library, including maintenance of the flower beds;
- (6) The grassy area in front of CID offices;
- (7) The overhead bridge area.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve advertising for these and opening the bids at the May 7, 2013 meeting. Said motion was 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 rezone the property owned by Casey Lott at 715 South 2nd Street, from C-2 to R-1. 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, the request to approve a variance of 1'6" to the Joyce Friar property, located at 705C Jacinto Road, to allow the house to be built on the lot. Alderman Williams 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 discussion purposes, Ronnie Johnson advising the Board of the problems with the title, to said property located at 705C Jacinto Road. He hoped that this matter would be corrected, and the project could began as soon as possible.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Gary Coats getting a \$1.00 per hour merit raise. Alderman Williams 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 to approve Ronnie Johnson attending the Asbestos Inspection Refresher Class at MSU, on April 16, 2013. The costs of the refresher class would be \$175.00, plus travel costs. This class would allow Ronnie Johnson to maintain his Asbestos Inspection Certificate. 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.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Billy Spencer to hire a temporary/part-time sewer crew maintenance/AMR Service worker at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Billy Spencer was recommending Lee Wren. Alderman Pounds 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 send Billy Joe Spencer and David Moore to attend the Large Meter Training School for water utilities, at Tallassee, Alabama on April 23 through April 25. The costs to include hotel and meals, to be approximately \$515.00. 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 by City Engineer David Moore, that he be allowed to advertise for bids for the building the handicap ramp at the Gas and Water Department. Alderman Williams 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 to pay Rogers Group, for the recent paving, in the amount of \$16,760.60. Alderman Williams 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that he be allowed to send two (2) investigators to CIC (Criminal Investigator Certification Course), at the ICC Campus in Belden, Mississippi, to be held one week each month going through November 2013. The costs of tuition is \$800.00 per student, for a total costs of \$1,600.00. Alderman Pounds 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 approve sending Police Chief Ramey and TAC Officer Carolyn Jones, to attend the 2013 MS 911 Spring Training Seminar in Natchez, Mississippi, from May 19, 2013 through May 22, 2013, with the costs to include tuition, hotel, meals, and fuel, at the approximate costs of \$1,759.70, with the tuition totaling \$790.00 to be reimbursed to the City. 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 to approve paying twenty-two (22) poll workers \$100.00 each and up to eight (8) poll workers to receive \$120.00 each for the upcoming election. Alderman Pounds recuse herself on this matter. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the remaining members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve City Hall hours of

operation, for voter registration. Alderman McCoy made a motion to keep normal hours during the voter registration weeks, and then for the office to be open during the mandatory Saturdays. Said motion was 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 applying for a CDBG Grant, to address sewer issues. 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.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hold public hearings on said grant application, on the 25th day of April, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold 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 a \$50.00 donation to the Mississippi Hospitality Luncheon to be held on April 6, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. Said donation would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Bolen 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, a motion by Alderman McCoy, to go into closed session, to determine if executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

In closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Bolen made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to come out of executive 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 a personnel matter was discussed and no

action was taken.

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

In closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

Back in open session, it was announced that potential litigation was discussed and no action taken.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen 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.

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK


JOE EATON, MAYOR