

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE**

APRIL 7, 2015

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 7, 2015, 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, Jana Lindsey, 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 17, 2015 and March 23, 2015 and March 30, 2015 board meetings;
- 2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- 3) To declare a surplus in the Gas Department in the amount of \$139,915.24;
- 4) To transfer surplus funds from the gas department to the general fund in the amount of \$139,915.24;
- 5) To pay to First Security Bank the sum of \$139,915.24 for the Public Improvement Bond;
- 6) To accept the letter of resignation of Phillip Owen's, effective March 18, 2015;
- 7) To send Ashley Hurt to attend the annual summer Court Clerks conference, from June 21st through June 23rd in Biloxi, Mississippi. The total cost to be \$461.47 which includes lodging, mileage and meals;

- 8) To apply inactive gas and water deposits from customer accounts or to send to unclaimed properties with the Mississippi Secretary of States office.

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

There next came before the Board, Wendell Yates requesting the Board approve him establishing a policy for all natural gas plumbing, for all customers along with other issues. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve him establishing a proposed policy, to be brought to the Board for final approval, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to make an emergency transfer of Marsenio Nunn from part time patrol officer, to full time patrol, with an increase in pay to \$12.61, effective immediately. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to post for three part time officers, with at least part time certification. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Chief Ramey to send Jerry Barnes to attend the Criminal Investigators Training Course. Said Course to be held over a 7 month period, with one week each month from April thru October. Said Course to be held in Tupelo with the cost to be \$850.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire Ralph Jacobs as full time dispatcher, at \$10.49 per hour, effective immediatley, with a 50 cent raise at the end of a year. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration James Olive with the Street Department, requesting that he be allowed to hire a seasonal employee for weed eating. Alderman Bolen made said

motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration Park Director, Jon Hill, requesting that he be allowed to seek bids for a mower, for the park. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire seasonal employees and score keepers, both at \$7.50 per hour; concession workers at \$7.75 per hour and umpires at \$20.00 per game. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Fire Chief Wallace to send Jarret Sims and Derrick Stevenson to attend the TNT rescue tool certification course in Wisconsin. The cost would be \$1,259.32, to include registration fees, lodging, meals, test gauges. Also use of the fuel card. These two would be able to service and repair the TNT tools, which would save the City money in the long run. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton and with all aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to purchase the annual sports magazine ad from the Banner Independent, with the cost of a full page ad to be \$450.00. This ad would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Board Report. Alderman McCoy suggested that the City look into a policy of requiring all payroll checks to be cashed within 60 days or they would be void and not reissued.

There next came on the Mayor's report. Mayor Blythe reported that all Administrative Assistant applications had been given to the Board.

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 the aldermen 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 Williams and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the aldermen 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 next came on for consideration the request to Adjourn. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.



DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK