

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
MAY 15, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Mark McCoy was not there, due to attending his grandson's pre-school graduation. 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 Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Joe Eaton.

There 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 May 1, 2012 Board meetings;
- (2) To approve the following invoices to be paid:
 - Metrocast -\$49.95
 - MCI- \$1743.35
 - Citizens Page- \$190.08
 - Rails and Trails- \$7,500.00

Alderman Bolen made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the purchasing of the brochures for the City of Booneville, at the costs of \$175.00. The City had a \$1,000.00 credit and the remaining balance for the brochures was \$175.00. These brochures would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Pounds made a motion to purchase said brochures, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of the bids for the Hardware bathrooms. Two (2) bids were tendered. They were as follows: Calvery Cabinet, in the amount of \$39,500.00 and Don Starling with Starling Construction, in the amount of \$35,900.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Amanda Allen, as a library worker, at the rate of \$7.25 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Kent Farris, part-time park at the park, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the gas rate at \$12.55 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to increase the 6" sewer tap fee from \$178.17 (tax included) to \$250.00 (tax included). Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to pay Tidwell & Associates for work on the Sandy Fisher Sewer Project, in the amount of \$34,093.40. Prior to paying this, the City would have to request Mr. Fisher to contact his banker and call in the line of credit for \$30,000.00. Alderman Harold Eaton made the motion to approve this, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the City paying the \$4,093.40, which was the costs above the \$30,000.00 line of credit that Mr. Fisher had obtained, and to pay this amount to Tidwell & Associates for work done on the Sandy Fisher Sewer Project. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for a part-time street department employee, preferably with a commercial license to operate a truck. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, James Olive informed the public that there would be a lot of ditch work going on around town, and they would get to various different projects as soon as they could.

There next came on for consideration, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting that he be allowed to attend the Fire Chief's conference from May 31 through June 3, 2012, in Jackson, Mississippi, at the costs of \$348.34, with the costs to include meals, registration fees, and lodging. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the weed-eating at the cemetery. Mayor Eaton requested that if the work continued to be unsatisfactory, that he be allowed to terminate the current contract with the current provider, and go to the next lowest bidder. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Ronnie Johnson's rate of pay at \$40,401.14, effective on May 14, 2012. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Police Chief Michael Ramey, Tac Officer Carolyn Jones, and Dispatcher Amber Cummings, to attend the 16 hour Suicide Intervention and Domestic Violence Awareness Training, held June 4 and June 5, 2012, in Tunica, Mississippi, with the costs to include lodging, meals, and tuition for a total of \$1,462.00. This amount would be reimbursed to the City. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Sgt. Josh Davis attending the AR15/M16/M4 Armorer Course in Tupelo, Mississippi on May 23 and 24, 2012, with tuition being \$25.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow the K9 dog to go with Eric Lambert to the County, and for the City to enter into a interlocal agreement with the County for use of the dog when needed, at no cost. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the voting delegates for the 2012 MML Election with a primary delegate, a 1st alternate and a 2nd alternate being appointed. Alderman

Bolen made a motion that Mayor Eaton be the voting delegate, the Vice-Mayor, be the 1st alternate, and as Alderman at Large, that Harold Eaton be the 2nd alternate. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the application for advalorem tax exemption for Marathon Cheese. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the application for advalorem tax exemption for General Binding Corporation. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman David Bolen, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve a proclamation for June 14, 2012, as U. S. Army Day in commemoration of the Army's 237th birthday. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, under the Board Report the following was reported, Jeff Williams thanked James Olive, and his crew, and Jerry Wallace, and his men, for helping at the college.

Next came the Mayor's Report. Under the Mayor's Report the following was reported:

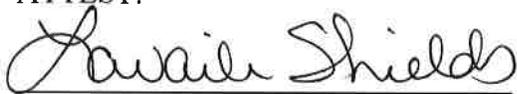
- (A) The Heritage Day would be held on May 26, 2012.
- (B) That as part of Heritage Day, on May 21, 2012, the Boy Scouts would be placing flags on all military markers located in the Booneville Cemetery.
- (C) An update on the sewer project was given by David Moore. He stated that the work on the central plant had begun.

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



 JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK