

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

**MAY 19, 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, MAY 19, 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 May 5, 2015 board meeting, with one change of Harold Eaton leading the Pledge of Allegiance;

2) To accept the letter of resignation of Ashley Hurt, effective 05-27-15.

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

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to move the Park business to the top of the agenda, seconded by Alderman McCoy and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Park Director, Jon Hill, made a motion to approve the user agreement for renting the community center. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill discussing lighting around the fields. Alderman McCoy made a motion to allow Prentiss County Electric Power Association to put up the lights that they could reach, at the rate of \$150.00 per hour. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Hill requested that he be allowed to purchase mulch, for kids town and Sunflower Park at the price of \$4,993.40, from Zeager in Middletown, Pa. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Trudy Featherston giving an update report on Booneville Mainstreet. She reported that the Hometown Heritage Festival was a success. She next reported that she was working on the fall festival. Lastly she reported that this years' relay for life would be held on June 12, 2015.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Janet Boren to post for a full time meter reader. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe reminded that there would be a public awareness meeting on May 20, 2015 at the Prentiss County Agricenter.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve a quote to repair the City Hall Roof. Two bids were received with Gardner Painting giving the lowest quote of \$3,000.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept Gardner's bid with city employees replacing the screws prior to the work being done. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the board the cost of the building permit for Taco Bell. Alderman McCoy made a motion to waive the building permit fee. Said motion died for the lack of a second.

Alderman Jeff Williams then made a motion to cut the cost of the building permit in half, seconded by Alderman McCoy and the following vote was had: Bolen-Nay; Eaton-Nay; McCoy-Aye; Michael-Nay; Williams-Aye. With a vote of 3 against and 2 for, the motion failed.

Next, James Olive with the street department requested that he be allowed to hire James McGee as a seasonal employee, as a bug sprayer, at \$8.00 per hour, beginning immediately.

There next came on for consideration the request to appoint the voting delegates for the MML conference. Alderman Bolen made a motion that Alderman Jeff Williams be the voting delegate, with Jason Michael being first alternate and David Bolen being second alternate. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, with all aldermen voting Aye, the

motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request made by Amanda Downs requesting to rent the community center at a reduced rate of \$25.00, on May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>, for art sessions. Said motion made by Alderman Bolen, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the request to purchase an ad in the Banner Independent's annual NEMCC Campus Guide. A 1/6 page ad would cost \$125.00 and said ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Said motion was made by Alderman McCoy and seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came the Board Report.

Alderman Bolen made a motion that the Roberts Rule of Order be followed when dealing with Motions before the Board. Specifically that a motion be made, then seconded and then discussion with the Aldermen being given plenty of time to discuss the same. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Eaton and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Mayor's report.

Mayor Blythe requested permission to activate the MDOT grant. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe passed out handouts of the worksheets for the next budget year. There next came on for consideration the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen 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 Eaton and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried. Back in open session Police Chief Ramey requested permission to participate in the Click-It-Or-Ticket Program. The grant would be for \$15,000.00 for overtime benefits, with said program to run between May thru September 2015. Alderman Michael made said motion,

seconded by Alderman Eaton and with the alderman present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

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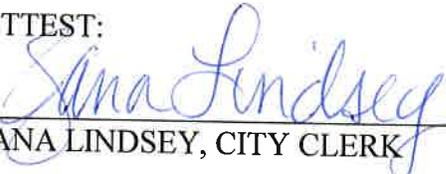
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Back in open session City Clerk Jana Lauderdale requested permission to hire as an emergency hire, Robbie Lambert as the City Court Clerk, with the beginning rate of pay to be \$12.00 per hour, with a .50 cent raise after 6 months and to be re-evaluated after one year.

Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the alderman present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to Adjourn. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

  
DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK