

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

May 5, 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 5, 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, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman Michael was not present. 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 Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

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 21, 2015 and April 24, 2015 board meetings;
- 2) To approve the monthly accounts with the exception of the Dare Fund in the amount of \$1,310.10 which was added to the General Fund;
- 3) To Approve Jessica Harris as an Animal Shelter Volunteer;
- 4) To Approve Wendell Yates to attend the Natural Gas Conference at Orange Beach, Alabama, from July 15th thru July 17th. The cost to include registration, lodging, milage and meals to be \$1,396.31;
- 5) To approve the registration fees of \$2,350.00 for MML Conference to be held June 21st thru June 25th;
- 6) To approve the ad valorem tax exemption request of Marathon Cheese and Pro Via Products, LLC d.b.a. Heartland Siding
- 7) To approve the Graduation AD for W07BN TV station, for \$50.00 with said ad promoting the City of Booneville, Mississippi.
- 8) To approve the new server for the gas and water department from BBI with installation to be \$7,401.51.

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously

carried .

There next came before the Board, the request to increase water and sewer rates. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion the Emergency sewer repair at Cherry Street. No action was taken on this matter.

There next came on for consideration the request to declare surplus items, with the exception of the 100 water meters and to place a reserve on the 1 ton flatbed truck bed of \$500.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next came Mayor Blythe reminding the public of the Public Awareness Meeting to be held at the Prentiss County Agri-Center at 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 2015.

There next came on for consideration the request by Chief Ramey to hire Hunter Walton and James Bradley Jr. as part time certified officers at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately.

Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to send Josh Davis and Karl Courtney to attend SWAT training seminar at Birmingham, Alabama on July 21st and 22nd. The Cost to include registration, lodging and meals to be \$934.00 plus use of the City credit card for fuel. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Lee Kendrick requesting an exception to allow use of the existing resident on North Second Street, located on C-3 property to be used as a residence. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to accept the letter of resignation by Eleanor Hasting's effective May 8, 2015. 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 to post for bids for the cleaning service at City Hall and at the Gas and Water Department. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table

this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire Carroll Warren for seasonal employee for a weed eating position at the Street Department, at \$8.00 per hour; effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire Gary Grizzard for seasonal employee for park maintenance-mower, at Eastside Park, at \$8.00 per hour; effective April 7, 2015. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to start charging the County schools to use the fields. Alderman McCoy made a motion to not start charging the County Schools, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve four additional umpires. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve a use agreement for the community center rentals. Alderman McCoy made a motion for Jon Hill to look into this and bring it back before the Board, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to open bids for a mower at the Park Department. One bid was received from Extreme Outdoors in Booneville, that meet all specs. Said bid was \$8,273.00 and was below state contract price. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Arch Bullard, candidate for District Attorney spoke to the Board.

There next came on for consideration the request to hire Jennifer Catlin as Office Clerk/Administrative Assistant at \$10.50 per hour, effective immediately, and a possible 50 cent an hour raise after 6 months. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to move the current CID offices to Police Department and Court Clerks to City Hall. Alderman Eaton made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, BBI Software.

There next came on the Mayor's report. Mayor Blythe reported that the City needed to pass a policy for recognizing future retirees. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

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

While in closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy 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 Williams 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 McCoy 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