

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JUNE 17, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 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 Jason Michael, Alderman Mark McCoy, 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 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 June 3, 2014, board meeting;
- (2) To approve Janet Boren's mileage and meals for the MML Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi, on June 23-June 25, 2014, at \$539.10, to be paid from the Gas & Water Fund;
- (3) To allow Kayla Manley to stay on at a part-time basis only, as needed, at \$8.00 per hour.

Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Booneville Main Street, providing a list of activities to be held at the upcoming Fall Festival.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the City of Booneville to enter into a Tuition Assistance Program and Resolution of Intent, retroactive to September 2009. Alderman Williams 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 send Gary Coats to HVAC Classes at Northeast Mississippi Community College, for twelve (12) semester hours, at the total costs of \$1,216.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to send Gary Coats to this class, with Gary Coats paying the costs up front, and once the class was passed with a C average, the City would reimburse him for that class. Also, Gary Coats would have to stay employed with the City of Booneville for one

year after completing the twelve (12) semester hours, or he would have to reimburse the City any monies paid toward these classes. Alderman Michael seconded said motion, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to table the issue of leasing a CNG Compressor for approximately \$690.00 per month. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Billy Spencer with the Gas & Water Department came before the Board, asking the residents of Booneville, not flush needles or syringes down their toilets. This was causing havoc on the system. That if they needed help disposing of those, to place the needles or the syringes in a detergent bottle, and there was a facility that would pick those up and dispose of those for them.

There next came on for consideration, the request to upgrade the computer system at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, and the control board at the Central Lift Station, with the total costs for both to be \$13,626.00. Alderman Michael made said motion to make the purchases, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Billy Spencer and Wendall Yates to purchase the Case mini excavator, with the attached hydraulics thumb. Abby Equipment bid \$38,400.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to purchase the mini excavator from Abby Equipment, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to obtain quotes on two (2) F=350 trucks. Alderman McCoy made a motion to obtain those quotes, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Gary Grizzard at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately, as a seasonal worker at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Alderman Williams made a motion to hire Gary Grizzard, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Brandon Purvis at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately, as a seasonal worker at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Alderman McCoy made a motion to hire Brandon Purvis, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase two (2) trimmers for the Litter Truck. Bullock was the lowest bidder at \$492.72 for two (2) trimmers. Alderman McCoy made a

motion to purchase these from Bullock, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to proceed with repairs at the Fire Station 1. Alderman McCoy made a motion to dig out, refill, and re-concrete the affected areas at the Fire Station. This way it would be a permanent fix. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on consideration, the request to apply for and allow the Mayor, to sign for the Rural Development Grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Fire Chief Wallace on how to compensate firemen, who are off duty and came in for the training. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve an ad valorem tax exemption request for ACCO USA. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve said tax exemption, 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 approve an ad valorem tax exemption request for Plumrose USA. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve said tax exemption, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve an ad valorem tax exemption request for Lilly Girl, Inc. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve said tax exemption, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve an ad valorem tax exemption request for Lilly Jaxx Investments. Alderman Williams made a motion to decline the tax exemption requests, because it was for the purchase of property, which was not allowed by the statute. Alderman McCoy seconded said motion, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow the application for the NEMPDD Grant, and to allow the Mayor or any other officials to sign documents necessary to apply for the

grant. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for permission for the Cultural Arts to upgrade the Hardware Building. 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 discuss or vote on the Board room table. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Mayor Blythe announced that there would be an upcoming Board appointment on the Planning Board. That Butch Caldwell term would be up, and that would be posted at a later date.

Next, came the Board Report. Alderman Bolen announced that he would like to start receiving all applications for any job positions, seven (7) days prior to hiring the employee. He requested this to be made a policy of the City. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen	"Aye,"
Alderman Eaton	"Aye,"
Alderman McCoy	"Aye,"
Alderman Michael	"Aye,"
Alderman Williams	"Nay."

With a vote of for (4) and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe requested that he be allowed to withdraw posting the position of bookkeeping. That the position could be absorbed by the current employees. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe requested that the minutes of the May 6, 2014, Board meeting be amended to reflect the bid amount of \$2,678.03, for Advanced Telephone instead of \$2,865.49, because the City was exempt from taxes, and the prior quote included taxes. This would save the City money. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all Aldermen present and 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 Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman

Bolen made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Alderman present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed, within the police department.

Police Chief Michael Ramey made a recommendation that Officer Joey Dearman be terminated immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen	"Nay,"
Alderman Eaton	"Nay,"
Alderman McCoy	"Aye,"
Alderman Michael	"Aye,"
Alderman Williams	"Aye."

With a vote of three (3) for and two (2) against, the motion to terminate Officer Dearman was approved.

There being no further business, Alderman McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK