

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JUNE 18, 2013**

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 18, 2013, 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 Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Wilda Pounds, and Alderman Jeff Williams. Alderman David Bolen was not present. 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 City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Joe Eaton.

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 4, 2013, board meeting;
- (2) To approve reimbursing the General Fund the fire truck payment, once the fire protection money is received;
- (3) To approve the Rails and Trails request for \$7,500.00, as budgeted;
- (4) To refund Kay Thorn for cancellation of the Community Center in the amount of \$50.00;
- (5) To approve to pay Brandon Elliot for mowing and weed eating on May 31, 2013, in the amount of \$360.00;
- (6) To approve Janet Boren attending the 2013 MML Conference from July 15, 2013, through July 17, 2013, with the total costs to include registration, lodging, meals and fuel card for gas in the amount of \$1,96.43;
- (7) To approve Lavaile Shields attending the 2013 MML Conference from July 15, 2013 through July 17, 2014, with the total costs including registration and meals in the amount of \$398.00;
- (8) To approve the payment to the Mississippi Department of Revenue Municipal Gas Utilities Tax, from the Booneville Municipal Gas System in the amount of \$2,642.68;
- (9) To approve payment to the Department of Revenue Mississippi Regulatory Tax, from the Booneville Municipal Gas System in the amount of \$2,103.27;

(10) To accept the resignation of Nickey Owens effective June 28, 2013.

(11) To approve four (4) officers attending the RCTA Basics Narcotics Investigations Course in Gulfport, Mississippi, from August 5 through August 9, 2013. The tuition and lodging are free. The City would be responsible for meals, at \$41.00 per day per attendee or \$205.00 for each attendee, for a grand total of \$820.00, plus providing a fuel card for transportation;

(12) To approve Michael Ramey, Carolyn Jones, and Amber Cummings to attend a two (2) day conference from July 22, 2013 through July 23, 2013, in Tunica, Mississippi, for "Officer Down and Stress Management" training. The training is approved by the MS Board of Standards and Training and is reimbursable to the City. The total costs, including tuition, meals, and lodging, is \$1,426.00.

Alderman Pounds made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came before the Board, Trudy Featherston with the Booneville Main Street Association. Trudy gave an update on the upcoming Fall Festival, and the financial condition of the Booneville Main Street.

There next came on for consideration, the public hearings on the clean up of property in Booneville, Mississippi. Ronnie Johnson presented the properties. Prior to the hearing, Attorney Daniel K. Tucker, advised that proper notice had been given pursuant to the Mississippi Law, giving the parties two (2) weeks notice by U. S. Mail, and posting the same notice of hearing at the physical address of the property, and by posting a copy of the notice of hearing on the bulletin board at City Hall.

The first piece of property was located at 504 South Bryant Street, owned by Gail Childers. Ronnie Johnson reported that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker reported that Gail Childers had talked to him on the day of the hearing, and that she was going to make attempts to get the property clean. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Gail Childers an additional thirty (30) days to be in compliance, before any action was taken by the Board. Alderman Williams seconded said motion, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next piece of property was located at 212 Camillia Cove, registered in the name of Connie Hall. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker reported that a daughter of Connie Hall stated that this property had

gone back to FHA over three (3) years ago. Ronnie Johnson reported that he contacted FHA, and they had no knowledge of this property. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ronnie Johnson, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to take bids to clean up the property at 212 Camilla Cove, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next piece of property was located at 203 Parker Drive, registered in the name of Carl Jack Gordon. This property has been an issue in the past. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ronnie Johnson, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to take bids to clean up the property, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the property located at 505 North Lake Street in the name of Tonya Bell. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ronnie Johnson, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to take bids to clean up the property located at 505 North Lake Street, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next piece of property was located at 209 South King Street in the name of Modenia Hayes. Robin Eckert said that she currently owned the house and spoke on behalf of the property. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Ms. Eckert thirty (30) days to board up the windows, secure the doors, to make the property safe, and to keep it clean, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried. Ms. Eckert was told to report back to Mr. Johnson, so that he could report to the Board the condition of the property in thirty (30) days.

The next property was located at 805 A South Lake Street in the name of James Dunkin. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the recommendation of Ronnie Johnson, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept bids to clean up said property or to demolish said property, based on the recommendation of Ronnie Johnson. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located at 410 Foster Park. Attorney Tucker ask for a motion to table this matter until proper notice could be given. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next, Ronnie Johnson reported on his summer conference and training event.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the gas rate at \$11.50 per MCF. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Billy Spencer to hire Brian Lee McVey, effective immediately, at \$9.00 per hour. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for the planning board position. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on consideration the request to post for election commissioners, (in which Barbara Shackeford and Chris Lindley current serve in those posts). Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to declare July 4 and July 5, as a holiday and for all City employees to be off on these dates. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for discussion, Jack Griffith talking about the Sidewalk and Sewer Grant

Projects. Mr. Griffith did ask that as far as the CDBG Grant, that he be allowed to advertise for bids for engineering and administrative services, and for the Mayor to sign any documents necessary to complete this grant. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to grant Acco, Inc.'s ad valorem tax exemption request and their Freeport Warehouse License request. Attorney Tucker requested that this matter be tabled, because he had not been provided with the proper documentation. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next came on the Board Report.

Alderman Williams thanked the Mayor Joe Eaton for his services over the last four (4) years.

Alderman McCoy, as well as the other Alderman, thanked Alderman Wilda Pounds for her service over the past four (4) years, and stated that she would be missed on the Board.

There next came the Mayor's report. David Moore spoke and stated that Dr. Dennis had requested that the side of his office be posted at 20 mph. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if executive session was needed. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

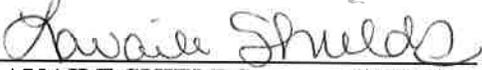
While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Ramey requested that Sergeant Joey Dearman be suspended for two (2) days without pay, and that he be placed on probation for a period of six (6) months, and that there be no other incidents within that six (6) month period. Alderman McCoy made said motion to approve to the recommendations of Police Chief Ramey, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the other members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR