

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
June 2, 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, June 2, 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 David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

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 19, 2015 board meeting;
- 2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- 3) To Approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request by Plumrose USA, Inc.;
- 4) To Approve Mileage, Meals and Lodging for the MML Conference from June 20<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the amount of \$7,843.64;
- 5) To approve Charles Sanders to attend the Asbestos Inspection Class in Starkville, Ms. on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The cost would include mileage, and registration fees in the amount of \$285.45.
- 6) To declare surplus funds in the gas department in the amount of \$71,220.60 and to transfer the same amount to the General fund;
- 7) To approve paying gas and water the sum of \$71,220.60 for conversion of the Tahoes;
- 8) To approve an animal shelter volunteer, Morgan Blythe.

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

There first came before the Board, Rita Mcarter to request gas services to her area.

Next Rita Mcarter requested the board to look into reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH, around the Lindsey Road/E. Chambers area, to the City Limits.

There next came before the Board, the request to hire Kevin Thompson, at \$10.00 per hour, as a meter reader. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to run gas service to the Haney/Griffith House. It would cost \$12,336.00, not counting labor, to do this and would not meet our customary demand for 10 households per mile. Alderman Michael made a motion to deny service as being cost prohibitive, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with All aldermen present voting Aye, except Alderman McCoy, the motion carried by a vote of 4 for and 1 against.

There next came on for consideration the request by Chief Wallace to move Marcus Johnson to Certified Fire Fighter Status, since he had graduated the Fire Academy, which would raise his pay from, \$8.66 per hour to \$9.41 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to send Jeff Sanford and Jamie Thomas to attend Fire Instructor School from July 27<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This would be at their expense, but coverage would have to be made available for the shifts they missed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to reject the current bids on a grapple truck for the street department and to readvertise for bids with the new specks. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request for Mitchell George to received donated sick days due to a life threatening illness of a family member, of which the days would be retroactive. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came an announcement by the Mayor and Board, that there would be a zero tolerance for tarps to be placed on trailers.

There next came on for consideration Donna Reece requesting the community center rental fee be waived for the relay for life on June 12, 2015. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to reappoint City Engineer, David Moore. 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 reappoint City Attorney, Daniel Tucker. 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 do a sponsorship ad for the Booneville 3A Golf State Championship. Said ad would promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Michael made a motion said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to table the purchase of the BBI software which was to be shared by the Gas and Water Department. 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 approve a policy that if an employee is on call and has to leave their home, that they receive one hour minimum pay. Alderman Eaton 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 open bids for electrical work at the Hardware. The lowest bid was from Gary Walker Electrical, in the amount of \$4,860.00. Alderman McCoy 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 approve the Half Way Home Animal Shelter pouring concrete, at no cost to the City. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve this but only after Billy Spencer signs off on the job because of all the gas/sewer lines underground. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to post for the planning board position. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request for permission to apply for a \$5,000.00 grant for a new repeater for the police department. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all 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 McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen 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 Bolen and with all aldermen 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 Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

  
DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK