

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
NOVEMBER 20, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 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 Wilda Pounds, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Mark McCoy. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Jana Lindsey, Deputy 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 Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Wilda Pounds.

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 November 6, 2012, board meeting;
- (2) To approve placing a computer in the Lobby of City Hall, so that the public would have access to tax information;
- (3) To approve Lavaile Shields and Jana Lindsey to attend the MMCCA Winter Educational Conference from December 12 through December 14, for election training, at the total cost of \$600.00. This would include registration fee, meals, and lodging;
- (4) To hire Blaire Graham, as the full time administrative assistant, starting at \$10.50 per hour, effective immediately. After a six (6) month probationary period the rate of pay would be increased to \$11.00 per hour.
- (5) To approve the holidays of Thanksgiving for Friday, November 26; Christmas, Monday, December 24; and New Years Day, Monday, December 31.

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

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the annual Kiwanis Club Basketball Tournament Ad in the amount of \$75.00. This ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the gas rate of \$11.33 per MCF. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, David Moore reporting the results of the automated meter reading bids. Two (2) bids had been received. Consolidated Pipe & Supply bid \$320,952.00. United Systems bid \$333,370.00. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve the lowest bid of Consolidated Pipe & Supply, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board

present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for discussion purposes, David Moore discussing the sewer study that would be performed through his office.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paying Jones/Walker for legal services on the MSPC natural gas rate tariff filing, in the total amount of \$1,217.60. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to adopt the Emergency Response Plan for the water system. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve donations for unclaimed deposits at the Gas & Water Department, for the Good Fellow Program. These deposits were in the Good Fellow name and would simply be returned to the Good Fellow Program. The amounts were \$50.00 and \$434.84, for a total of \$484.84. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Jerry Wallace to attend the 2013 Mid-Winter Mississippi Fire Chiefs Conference, on January 23 through January 25, in Jackson, Mississippi. The total cost would be \$350.00, which would include registration fee, membership fee, lodging and meals. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for discussion, David Moore reporting on the Starling Creek Subdivision drainage issues. David Moore was going to figure up a costs estimate for the project and report back to the Board.

There next came before Board, the Police Chief Michael Ramey, requesting that he be allowed to hire Taka McCoy, as a full time certified part time officer at \$8.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties. The first issue was to consider a formal bid placed on 203 East Lake Street. S & S Lawn Service had placed a bid, but were not able to fulfill the job duty requirements. Alderman Williams made a motion to reject said bid, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the second lowest bid of Chris Johnson in the amount of \$184.00. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open quotes to clean up/demolish property, with the specific job requirements listed with Ronnie Johnson's office.

The first property was located at 202 Brewer. The owners had made progress, and Ronnie Johnson requested that the Board simply hold the quotes at this point in time.

Next, was property located at 606/608 Martin Luther King Drive. Nothing had been done. Ronnie Johnson made the recommendation to go ahead and clean this property. Dustin Norris' quote

was \$425.00 and Chris Johnson's quote was \$574.00. With that, Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the low bid of Dustin Norris, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next properties were updates on property that had received thirty (30) day extensions on October 16.

The first property was located at 305 East Lake Street. The work had not been completed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to go ahead and accept bids to clean up said property, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located a 201 East Lake Street. The work had not been completed. Alderman McCoy made a motion to go ahead and accept bids to clean up said property. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located at 205 Houser Street. Dewayne Pollard owned this property and had been sick, but was making progress. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Mr. Pollard until December 18, 2012, to make progress and to report back to Ronnie Johnson. Alderman Pounds seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next property was located at 717 Jacinto Road. The work had not been completed. Alderman Pounds made a motion to take bids to demolish the structure and clean this property, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

The next piece of property in this category was located at 110 Hatchie Street and the work had been completed.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve Ronnie Johnson attending the BOAM Winter Conference/Training Event from January 16 through January 18, 2013, with the total costs to be \$409.00, including registration and fees, lodging, and meals. Alderman McCoy made the motion to approve said conference, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve paying the 2013 BOAM membership fee for Ronnie Johnson, in the amount of \$100.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next came on the Board report. Alderman Harold Eaton reported that a citizen who the fire department and police department had helped, wanted to thank them.

Next, Alderman McCoy made a motion that Jana Lindsey receive a pay increase of \$2.50 per hour for forty (40) hours per week, for eight weeks, for a total of \$800.00. This represented the time that she had performed the City Clerk's duties. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next, the property located at 113 Terry Street had already been cleaned, and was about to be sold at public auction. The City needed to approve this fee as a lien on the property as well as well any penalty, so that this could attach to the property. The total fee paid out for cleaning this property

is \$249.00, with a 15% penalty of \$37.35, which totaled \$286.35. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker sought a motion to approve this cost, as well as allowing him to prepare the documentation to file the lien with the Circuit Clerk and the Chancery Clerk's office in Prentiss County, and for the tax collector to notify the seller's of the City's lien. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came before the Board, the Mayor's report:

Mayor Eaton reported that the Rienzi Christmas parade would be held December 9, 2012, at 2: 00 p.m.

Next, Mayor Joe Eaton, and the Board of Alderman, congratulated Booneville High School for receiving the Lantern Award for having high performing test scores.

Next, Mayor Eaton requested that the Alderman approve a resolution allowing the City of Booneville to join the Citizens for Economic Development Act (CEDA). This would simply place the City of Booneville's name in consideration in allowing the legislature to allow the City of Booneville, to place on a ballot, a referendum for a 1% sales tax increase. This money would be designated for specific projects. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman David Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next, Mayor Eaton requested that the Board of Alderman approve the amended language in the Vicious Dog Ordinance, as a public safety issue, which would become immediately, and without a public hearing. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all 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 Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all 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 said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to come out of executive session and to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Back in open session, it was announced to the public, that a personnel matter had been discussed.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the resignation of Bryon Parker with the Booneville Police Department, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

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



 JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK