

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JUNE 5, 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, June 5, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were Mayor Joe Eaton and 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, 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 Alderman David Bolen.

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 May 15, 2012 Board meetings;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept Russell Eaton's letter of resignation.

Alderman Pounds made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Trudy Featherson with the Booneville Main Street, gave a status report to the Board. She reported that Heritage Day went really well. She also reported that the Relay for Life would be this Friday and invited everyone to participate. She further reported that the Fall Festival date had been set for October 20, 2012, and if anyone needed information, they could contact Booneville Main Street Association.

There next came on, Ronnie Johnson with Public Property, to discuss the minimum requirements for non-conforming mobile homes.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Ronnie Johnson to post for the Planning Board Member, to conduct interviews and to appoint a new board member, to take the place of Tracy Arnold, who had resigned. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for Ronnie Johnson to attend the BOAM Summer Conference, from June 18, 2012 through June 22, 2012, at the costs of \$725.00, with the costs to include registration and lodging. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman

Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Ronnie Johnson for the Board to give him some directions as to the Booneville Hardware bathrooms. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve building the bathrooms, pursuant to the last drawing of Ronnie Johnson, at the costs of \$15,500.00. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Ronnie Johnson to pay his BOAM membership fee in the amount of \$100.00, for the year of 2012-2013. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on James Olive with the Street Department. James Olive requested that the Board allow him to post for a part-time position. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to perform work on the Starling Creek ditch. One bid had been received by Jeffrey Cheek for the removal of vegetation and debris, and to haul the same off. His bid was \$2,500.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

James Olive then ask the public to be patient with he and his crew. They were doing the best that they could, following the storm that caused a lot of debris damage. They were picking it up, and it would get it all, but it would just take time.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send Wendell Yates to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Conference, from July 18 to July 20, 2012, at Orange Beach, Alabama, with the total costs, including registration, lodging and meals, in the amount of \$1,199.78, and for the City to furnish gas for the City vehicle. Alderman Pounds made the motion for him to attend said conference, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open sealed quotes for surplus water meters. Two (2) quotes have been received. One from T & G Metals for the total purchase price of \$5,226.00. The other from Craig Cleveland, in the amount of \$5,110.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the bid by T & G Metals, to purchase the water meters at \$5,226.00. Alderman Bolen seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of the sealed quotes for the hoist for the

central lift pump station. Two (2) bids had been received. One from Municipal Services Company, Inc. in the amount of \$8,346.00. The other by BT Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$7,716.00. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the lowest bid from BT Environmental, Inc., in the amount of \$7,716.00. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, City Engineer David Moore gave an update on the sewer project. He reported that all new aerators had been installed except one and that it would soon be repaired, and all aerators would be operational.

Next, City Engineer David Moore gave a report on the Ellis Avenue Sewer Project. He advised that a sink hole had developed at 209 Ellis. He went over the various options with the Board, and stated that he would report back to Board, with prices to fix this problem.

There next came before the Board, Police Chief Michael Ramey, who requested that Tyler Reese's pay rate be adjusted from \$12.46 per hour, to \$13.99 per hour, effective May 21, 2012, because he had completed the Police Academy. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that Patrol Sergeant Brian Mayes be allowed to attend the Peer Support/Intragral Officer Survival Course at the Regional Counterdrug Training Academy in Meridian, Mississippi, from June 25, 2012 through June 28, 2012, at no cost to the City. The only thing that the City would do is continue to pay his salary while training. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that the CID Captain position be filed. He recommended that Jerry Bridges for this position in the CID. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Harold Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Pounds "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of a four (4) for and one (1) against, the motion carried.

Next, Chief Ramey requested that he be allowed to post for the Patrol Captain position. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker, requesting that the Board approve the new City Employee Handbook. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded

by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

Next, City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker requested that the Board approve a deadline, for the City Employee Handbook to be passed out to all employees and for the employees to sign the acknowledgment form that they had read the handbook, and to return the same to the City Clerk. Alderman McCoy made a motion that all the employees would be given until August 7, 2012, to complete the acknowledgment form and return to the City Clerk. Said motion was seconded Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to declare surplus funds in the Gas and Water Department in the amount of \$400,000.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the reappointment of the City Attorney. Alderman McCoy made a motion to reappoint Daniel K. Tucker, as City Attorney, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to transfer \$400,000.00 from Gas & Water to the general fund. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Provia, d/b/a Heartland Siding, for the Board to approve their application for an ad valorem tax exemption. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Plumrose, for the Board to approve their application for an ad valorem tax exemption. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

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



 JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK