

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JULY 17, 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, July 17, 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 Mark McCoy, Alderman Wilda Pounds, 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 Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

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 July 3, 2012 Board meetings.

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

There next came before the Board, Leon Hayes, with the Prentiss County Development Association, to give a report on the health of the industry in Booneville and Prentiss County. He reported that the overall health on industry was strong. He reported on several industries, including Marathon Cheese, who has added a new packaging process which is only done in Booneville, for the entire country. He further reported on a job fair at ACCO, Inc., where two hundred (200) people turned out, with fifteen (15) new hires made. He reported on the Wolverine building and the other vacant property located in Prentiss County and Booneville, and what the PCDA was doing to market those building.

There next before the Board, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties. Mr. Johnson first thanked Booneville Auto Electric, for making repairs on City equipment and not charging the City for said repair.

Mr. Johnson next gave a report on the Booneville Hardware bathroom progress. He reported that the concrete had been poured for the bathrooms and that he would like to go ahead and pay Andrew Shinault for the work in the amount of \$800.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, a motion to open the bids to tear down the red brick house located at 1202 North College Street. Said motion was made by Alderman McCoy, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Three bids were received to tear down and haul off materials of the red brick house, located

1202 North College Street. Breedlove placed a bid for \$3,595.00. Greg Burns place a bid for \$1,850.00. Eddie Allen placed a bid for \$3,000.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the lowest bid of Greg Burns in the amount of \$1,850.00. Said motion was 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, a motion to open the bids to tear down the house located at 611 Hatchie Street, and to haul off the materials. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Three (3) bids were received. Breedlove bid \$1,935.00. Greg Burns bid \$990.00. Eddie Allen had bid \$1,800.00. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the low bid of Greg Burns, in the amount of \$990.00. Said motion was 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 pay the invoice of Bill McCarty in the amount of \$500.00 for the Disc Golf Tournament. 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, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting that the issue of joining the Statewide Emergency Access Program, be tabled at the current time. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace reported that he has applied for a grant concerning the rescue tools, and he would find out around September or October if we were going to receive the grant.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Wallace to pay \$400.00 for the ladder truck pump test. 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 before the Board, Billy Spencer with the Gas & Water Department. He requested that the City take over the pump station located at the Nolan Brothers car lot and Bob Rick's building. Attorney Daniel K. Tucker asked permission to request an Attorney General's opinion concerning this matter, before the Board took any action.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of the bids for a new backhoe. Two(2) bids were received. The first was from H & E Equipment Services out of Memphis, Tennessee, for a 2007 Komatsu, with 1,805 hours on it, with the price being \$51,000.00.

The second bid, was from Scott Equipment for a 2009 Volvo, with 785 hours, with the purchase price of \$64,751.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to re-bid for the used backhoe. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next before the Board, the opening of the bids of the scrap/surplus items from the Gas & Water Department.

First, were bids on forty-five (45) metal cylinders. Craig Cleveland placed the only bid at

\$139.50. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the bid of Craig Cleveland, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, bids were received on a non-working backhoe. Six (6) bids were received. They were as follows: Bud Sims, \$2,015.00; Craig Cleveland \$1,236.00; Randy Vandiver \$1,608.49; Booneville Trucking & Repair \$2,001.99; Fairco, Inc. \$1,777.00; Dixie Surplus Machinery \$1,678.00. The highest bid for the purchase of the non-working backhoe was Bud Sims in the amount of \$2,015.00. Alderman David Bolen made the motion to accept the bid of Bud Sims, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, were bids for three (3) non-working aerators. Two (2) bids were received. One was from Bud Sims in the amount of \$40.00 each and the other from Craig Cleveland in the amount of \$256.00 each. Alderman Pounds made a motion to accept the bid of Craig Cleveland for \$256.00 each. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, were bids for three (3) working aerators. Craig Cleveland placed the only bid at \$309.00 each. Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the bid of Craig Cleveland, 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 to purchase a 2004 Ditch Witch RT 40, in the amount of \$19,900.00 from Equipment City. There would also be a \$750.00 non-refundable delivery charge. Alderman Pounds made said motion to purchase the 2004 Ditch Witch RT 40, and pay the non-refundable delivery fee, 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 ratify the gas rate of \$12.55 per MCF. Alderman Bolen made said motion, 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 make the payment to Bancorp South Bank for principle interest on the \$8,000,000.00 bond in the amount of \$409,902.21. 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 to accept the resignation of Bradley Taylor from the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept said resignation, 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 Billy Joe Spencer for an emergency posting of the position left by Brandon Taylor, due to the critical time of the year. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that he be allowed to hire Nicki Owens, as full-time patrol officer, at the rate of \$13.99 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, 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 Chief Ramey to table the hiring of a (full time certified), part-time patrol officer. Alderman Bolen made a motion to table this matter, 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, a request by Chief Ramey to post for an additional (full time certified), part-time patrol officer. 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 to approve the home agreement for Professional Services for the law office of Gifford & Tennison, for the legal work not to exceed \$1,950.00, and for the Mayor to sign the same. Alderman Bolen 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 the City to hire the Jones Walker Law Firm, to file the annual disclosure statements for the issued bonds. Alderman Williams 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 to approve an ad in the Banner-Independent for eight (8) weeks, at \$9.00 per week, with said ad promoting the City of Booneville. Alderman Pounds made said motion, 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 place an ad in the upcoming Northeast Community College Program. A one-quarter page ad would cost \$200.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion to run the one-quarter page ad, 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 to approve the contractors to build the homes under the home grant. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve Burton Builders out of Belmont, Mississippi. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve Druetto Construction out of Batesville, Mississippi, seconded by Alderman McCoy, 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 McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.



 JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK