MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JULY 2, 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, July 2, 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 David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Mark McCoy, Alderman Jason Michael, 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 Blythe and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Mark McCoy.

Prior to the Board going over the consent agenda, Mayor Blythe and Alderman recognized and ask for prayer for all of the firefighters who lost their lives out in Arizona.

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 18, 2013, board meeting;

(2) To approve the monthly accounts;

(3) To approve taking cash or a money order only on delinquent taxes after August 1st of that year before land sale;

(4) To approve Mayor Derrick Blythe, as new commissioner of MGAM;

(5) To declare $400, 000.00 surplus in the Gas System Fund;

(6) To approve to transfer the $400, 000.00 to the General Fund;

(7) To accept Brandon Barnes letter of resignation, effective July 8, 2013;

(8) To approve Brandon Barnes, as part time firefighter at the rate of $8.00 per hour;

(9) To approve posting for a full time firefighter position to replace Brandon Barnes.

Alderman McCoy made said 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 carried.

There next came on for discussion, Todd English, Superintendent of Booneville School District. Mr. English advised the Board that the Booneville School System had received an honor by the Mississippi Department of Education and would be receiving a 1.3 million dollar grant for a

program called 1to 1 Digital Initiative Program. Booneville was the only school that was awarded this program for K-12, with Hattiesburg receiving it for their Middle School. With this program, each student will be receiving an electronic device that will be able to load their textbooks, they could do their homework from, to do papers on, and would have internet access. This program was no costs to Booneville and should be fully implemented by December.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe requesting that the City adopt a policy, appointing all department heads and position appointments on a year to year basis. Alderman Michael 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 appoint City Attorney/Prosecutor. Alderman McCoy made a motion to appoint Daniel K. Tucker, 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 appoint City Clerk. Alderman Williams made a motion to appoint Lavaile Shields, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Eaton made a motion to appoint Alderman Jeff Williams, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint the City Court Judge. Alderman Michael made a motion to appoint George M. Via, 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 appoint the Public Defender. Alderman Bolen made a motion to appoint Tommy Comer, seconded by Alderman 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 appoint City Engineer. Alderman Williams made a motion to appoint David Moore, seconded by Alderman 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 Fire Chief Jerry Wallace to ask permission to work at the Training Center while on duty. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, the property located at 410 Foster Park. A letter had been sent out to Thomas and Ginger White at their address in Alabama, asking them to get the property cleaned up. No response had been received. This matter will be noticed for a public hearing on the 23rd day of July, 2013.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open bids and accept bids to demolished the property located at 805-A South Lake Street. Five (5) bids were received. Breedlove Construction, Inc. bid $4,635.00; Breedlove & Sons bid $6,000.00; Eddie Allen Construction bid $2,750.00; Chris Johnson bid $2,745.00, and Burns Dozer and Backhoe bid $2,850.00. Alderman Bolen made a motion to accept the bid of Chris Johnson, seconded by Alderman Eaton. After a vote was had, the following vote was cast:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Michael "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Nay."

With a vote three (3) against and two (2) for the motion failed. The reason the motion failed, even though it was the lowest bid, was because Chris Johnson had an outstanding job that he was doing for a citizen in the community, to demolish of property that had not been completed.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the bid of Eddie Allen Construction, seconded by Alderman Michael and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

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

There next came on for consideration, the request to open bids for mowing and clean up of property. The first piece of property for mowing and clean up was located at 212 Camellia Cove. Three (3) bids were received. Edward Smith Lawn Service bid $125.00; Charles Brunes bid $49.00; and Chris Johnson bid $120.00. Alderman Eaton made a motion to accept the lowest bid of Charles Brunes, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye",

the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to mow and clean up property located at 203 Parker Drive. The following bids were received, S & S Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of $150.00; Chris Johnson bid $294.00; Brandon Elliot bid $600.00; Edward Smith Lawn Service bid $300.00; and Charles Brunes bid $174.00. Alderman Michael made a motion to accept the low bid of S & S Lawn Service, Inc., 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 clean up property located at 505 North Lake Street. Three (3) bids were received. Charles Brunes bid $474.00; Chris Johnson bid $670.00; and S & S Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of $200.00. This included removing an old car (as long as it was legal). Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept the low bid of S & S Lawn Service, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion, the property located at 103 Oakmere Circle. This would be placed on the public hearing list for a hearing on July 23, 2013 Board meeting.

There next came on for consideration, the request for Attorney Tucker to look into drafting some kind of Gun Control Ordinance. Alderman Williams made a motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Barbara Shackleford, as an Election Commissioner. Alderman Bolen 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 on for consideration, the request to appoint Chris Lindley, as an Election Commissioner. 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 to appoint a Planning Board member. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter, 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 approve the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, and City Clerk to be the main signatures on City accounts, and with Janet Boren to be added as a fourth on the Gas and Water Meter Accounts, and fourth on the Gas System Fund. Alderman Bolen

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 on for consideration, the request to approve the ad valorem tax exemption request by ACCO. Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the exemption, seconded by Alderman 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 application for the Freeport Warehouse License by ACCO. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, 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 Solid Waste Amended Agreement Resolutions and for the Mayor to sign the same. The change would be to a one man one vote system. 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 before the Board, the Board Report; Alderman Bolen asked if the Airport Commission was still in existence, and that the Board needed a report from them to determine if the existing members are serving and continued to serve. Alderman Bolen made motion to get a report from the Airport Commission Board, 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, purchasing a pickup for Ronnie Johnson. Attorney Tucker advised that prior to any action being taken, that there was an existing bid out to Mac Lindsey, and before the Board could take any action, they would have to rescind that bid. Alderman Michale made a motion to rescind said bid with Mac Lindsey Automotives, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Michael made a motion, to get quotes for a new extended cab pickup for Ronnie Johnson at State contract price, 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, a request by a citizen to extend the hours of the East Side Community on July 6 until 1:00 a.m. The parties were to call the Police Department when finished, so that they Police Department could close the community center down. Alderman Williams 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 on for consideration, the request by Bryan McVey, whose Father was having major surgery to be able to take a day off. The men at the Gas & Water Department were going to donate time for him to be able to take off on July 18 to attend his Father's surgery. This was a life threatening surgery. 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 discussion, the ice machine at Firehouse #1.

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

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session needed. Alderman Eaton made a motion to go into executive session, 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 go back into open session. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed. James Olive with the Street Department has asked permission to post for a position with the Street Department. Alderman McCoy made a motion to post and to hire on the 23rd day of July, 2013. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

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

DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK