

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
JULY 23, 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 23, 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 Bro. David Creech.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman David Bolen.

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 2, 2013, board meeting;
- (2) To approve to hire two (2) part-time certified police officers;
- (3) To approve Mayor Blythe and Alderman Jason Michael attending the Mississippi Rural Water Meeting on August 19, 2013 and August 20, 2013 at Ripley at the costs of \$150.00;
- (4) To approve payment to ROCIC in the amount of \$300.00;
- (5) To accept Sheriff Randy Tolar's letter to authorize designee of City to serve tax notices;
- (6) To approve paying Edward Smith Lawn Service for 6/7/13 and 6/14/13 in the amount of \$980.00;
- (7) To allow the following properties to be sold as taxes and to approve paying the filing fees of \$110.00 to Chancery and \$50.00 to Circuit for a total of \$160.00 for each property:

- I. Wayne and Kay Cartwright 405 Hatchie Street;

- ii. Lois and Perry Barrett 1102 South Lake Street;
- iii. Clyde Crowe 201 East Lake Street;
- iv. Sallie Pearl Burress 201 Jumper Circle;
- v. Gregory and Kimberly Lowrey 200 Foster;
- vi. James and Valerie Arnold 208 Westover Heights;
- vii. Kerrie McCarver Lewis 1401 West College Street;
- viii. Roy and Vivian Kelly 106 Terry Street;
- ix. Northeast Mississippi Properties 1203 East Church Street;
- x. Randy and Judy Hunkapillar 104 Inez Drive.

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

There next came on for discussion, Trudy Featherson with the Booneville Main Street Association. She announced that there would be two (2) new events in September which included a Unity March for Christ and a Blues event. She also announced that she would have a new Veterans Program for veterans this coming year.

There next came on for consideration, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties. The hearings on clean up of properties were held.

The first property was located at 1200 North Second Street. Ronnie Johnson announced that the property had been or was in the process of being cleaned up.

The next property for public hearing was located at 200 A East Church Street in the name of Ronnie Wilson. Ronnie Johnson announced that property had been or was in the process of being cleaned up.

The next piece of property was located at 200 Lakeview Drive. It was in the name of Lois Jones life estate. The back yard was overgrown and had not been mowed this year and it backed up behind Fairview Baptist Church. Ronnie Johnson stated that the property in its current condition, is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, and safety of the community. With that, Alderman Williams made a motion to accept bids for

the mowing and cleaning up of said property, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next piece of property was located at 100 Oakmere Circle, in the name of Gretchen Frantz. The property had not been mowed in years. Ronnie Johnson announced to the Board that the property in its current condition, is in such a state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, and safety of the community. Ms. Gretchen Frantz was present and stated her reasons for not mowing it and asked for additional time. Alderman Williams made a motion to give her thirty (30) days to have the property cleaned up, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next piece of property was located at 410 Foster Park and was in the name of Thomas and Ginger White. This house had burned April 26, 2012, and nothing had been done to the property since it burned. Proper notices were mailed to all concerned, posted on the property itself, and posted at City Hall. Ronnie Johnson state that the property in its current state of uncleanness as to be a menace to the public health, and safety of the community. No one answered on behalf of the property. With that, Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept bids to demolish said property and to clean up said lot, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next piece of property was located at 209 South King Street in the name of Modenia Hayes and Robert Eckert. The owner had appeared at an earlier hearing, where she was given thirty (30) to get the property in proper condition. Nothing had been done, since she had appeared before the Board. With that, Alderman McCoy made a motion to accept bids to tear down the property and to clean up said lot, 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 collect costs and penalty for property that had already been cleaned up. The first was property located at 305 East Lake Street. The clean up costs was \$1,650.00, with a 15% penalty of \$247.50, filing fee to file with Chancery and Circuit Clerk was \$160.00, for a total of \$2,057.50. Alderman McCoy

made said motion to treat said costs as taxes and to send out proper notices to the owners, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next piece of property was located at 200 Foster Park. The clean up costs were \$75.00, with a 15% penalty of \$12.25, filing fee to file with Chancery and Circuit Clerk was \$160.00, for a total of \$247.25. Alderman McCoy made a motion to treat said costs as taxes and to send out proper notices to the owners, 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 purchase a used ice machine from Keith Vaughn for the Fire Department. Alderman McCoy made said motion. The motion received no second, and therefore died for not receiving a second.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to purchase said ice machine in the amount of \$1,000.00, if he offered a ninety (90) day warranty on said machine. Said motion was 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 purchase of a new truck for Ronnie Johnson. Alderman Michael made a motion to rescind this request, 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 Ronnie Walden, as the Planning Board Member. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to allow Eubank & Moore, as low bidder, to install the screen at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,768.00 per day, to take no more than three (3) days. 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 to ratify the gas rate at \$11.50 per

MCF. 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, Billy Spencer requesting that an additional employee be hired for the City Shop. 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, David Moore addressing the handicap access work, to the done at the Gas & Water Department under the grant. He announced that three (3) bids had been received, so this project would continue and go forward.

There next came on for consideration, the request to pay the public utility regulatory tax in the amount of \$59.61, to pay the water/sewer bond payment in the amount of \$414,738.39, and to pay the annual SHRIMP dues in the amount of \$995.00. Alderman Bolen 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 Fire Chief Jerry Wallace to schedule re-certification tests on Engine No. 4 and (PPM) Preventative Pump Maintenance in the amount of \$500.00, with the low bid being received by EEP. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to perform the annual pump test and check pressure relief valve that needs repaired on Engine No. 3. Said low bid had been received by EEP in the amount of \$750.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to perform the annual pump test and (PPM) Preventative Pump Maintenance on Engine No. 6, in the amount of \$500.00, with the low bid being received by EEP. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion

unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to perform full service, (PPM), and annual pump test on Ladder Truck No. 5 at the costs of \$1, 200.00. The low bid being received by EEP. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace requested that he be allowed to perform the aerial ladder test on Ladder No. 5, and all ground ladders tested on all trucks, in the amount of \$940.00, with the low bid being received from Structural Technologies Incorporated. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Chief Wallace requesting permission to work at the training center while on duty. Alderman McCoy made a motion to allow this, as long as there was a response unit on duty, ready to go. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Chief Wallace requested permission to send Jerius Maxey and Kris Matthews to Rope Rescue II Class on August 12 through August 15, 2013 in Jackson, Mississippi, with the cost to include meals, gas, and transportation, in the amount of \$209.34. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to take the current foam apparatus on the fire truck out, crate it, and ship it back to the manufacture for repair. The shipping and repair costs would be on the manufacture. 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, James Olive with the Street Department, requesting that Jimmy Taylor be hired as a full time employee with the Street Department, at \$9.00 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, Brent Mauney with the Park Department requesting that the employees be allowed to donate sick time to Gary Grimes. Alderman McCoy made a motion that once a letter was received by the Mayor showing that the reason for donating time was catastrophic or life threatening, that the employees be allowed to do that. 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, Brent Mauney requesting that he be allowed to close the football field, over by the Harold T. White baseball field, for maintenance and repair. Alderman Michael 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 opening of the bids to approve the Administrator and Engineer on the CDBG Project.

First was the resume packets on the Administrator. Two (2) proposals had been received for the Administrator. One from Jack Griffith and the other from NEMPDD (Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District. Alderman Williams made a motion to table this matter to give the Mayor and Board the time to review these resume packets, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Two (2) resume packets had been received for the Engineer on the project. One from Moore Engineering and the other from Cook Coggins. Alderman Michael made a motion to table this matter to give the Mayor and Board an opportunity to review these packets, 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 go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, 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 was needed. Said motion to go into executive session was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Eaton made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Alderman McCoy, 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 was discussed within the police department with no action taken.

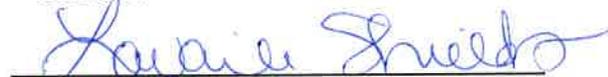
There next came the Board Report. Alderman Williams reported that the City needed to look at the traffic on Oak Street and consider reducing the speed limit, and placing signs up.

There next came on for consideration, the Mayor's Report. Mayor Blythe reported that the Board and he needed to have a work session on Capital Out Lay.

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


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK