

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
JULY 3, 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 3, 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, and several City employees and visitors. Mayor Joe Eaton and Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and were not present. Alderman David Bolen was acting as Mayor Pro Tem. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Pro Tem Bolen and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman Jeff Williams.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Harold Eaton.

There First came on for consideration, the request to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Board meeting. Alderman Williams made said, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the monthly accounts. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve the accounts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on before the Board, for information purposes, Todd English, Superintendent of Booneville School District, discussing improvements made to the vo-tech building, with addition of a new roof and the high school, with the addition of a new ceiling and heat and air.

There next came on before the Board, Melissa Nash, Regional Director for the Non-Smoking Coalition. She gave a Certification of Recognition to the City of Booneville for their Smoke-Free Ordinance.

There next came before the Board, Trudy Featherson with the Booneville Main Street Association giving an update on the activities for the Fall Festival.

There next came before the Board, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties. Ronnie Johnson announced that the construction on the Booneville Hardware bathrooms had made great progress and everything was formed and plumbed. He also announced that some tile had been donated for flooring. The bathrooms would now have tile flooring, instead of concrete.

Mr. Johnson also announced that he would be spraying the Booneville Cemetery, to try to eliminate some of the variety of grass, and if the public would be patient with him, in

two (2) or three (3) weeks the grass would really look good.

There next came before the Board, the review of the progress made on the property clean up, located at 1202 North College Street. Mr. Estelle was not present. Photographs were taken by Ronnie Johnson, minutes prior to the Board meeting. No progress had been made on the property as was promised by Mr. Estelle. With that, Alderman McCoy made a motion to rescind the prior motion allowing Mr. Estelle 60 days, and for the City to tear down the red brick house, located at 1202 North College Street. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to receive bids for the tear down of the red brick house located 1202 North College Street. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for review, the progress made on the property clean up, located at 611 Hatchie Street. Mr. Jamie Owens did appear before the Board, and did show that progress was being made in cleaning up, and eventually tearing down the property. He would be given the sixty (60) days as previously ordered, by the Board at the prior Board meeting.

There next came on for consideration, the request for a variance by Sonya A. Burress to build an accessory building larger than 50% of her home. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Sam Grisham, to re-zone property located off of Bolton Street, from R4 to C2. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by James Olive to table his prior request, to hire a part-time employee, at the Street Department. Alderman Pounds made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to call the bond of Greg Burns, on the Cedar Ridge Subdivision Project. Alderman Williams made a motion for the Mayor to write a letter calling in the bond, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace discussing the status of the rescue tools. That all three (3) had been down, but now he had the Honda up and running, and he using a County rescue tool as the primary and the Honda as a back up.

Chief Wallace next discussed joining the Mississippi Statewide Emergency Access Program and the benefits of that program, and requested the Board to consider this matter.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Wallace asking that Derrick Stevenson and Michael Rutherford, be allowed to attend NFBA Electric Vehicle Safety Training for first responders, to be held August 28, 2012, in Jackson, Mississippi, and for the City to furnish transportation and gas. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey to be authorized as the representative, to apply for surplus property in the State of Mississippi, Office of Surplus Property. Alderman Pounds made a motion to designate Michael Ramey in that capacity, seconded Alderman Harold Eaton, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Ramey to hire Dustin Underwood as a full time patrol officer, effective immediately, at the rate of \$13.99 per hour. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded Alderman Williams, and with the members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Ramey to post for a full time patrol officer position, with the applicant being full time certified. Alderman Harold Eaton 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 he be allowed to post for one part time patrol officer with that person having full-time certified qualifications. 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 request by Chief Ramey to pay one-half of the AFIX annual bill, in the amount \$1,775.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

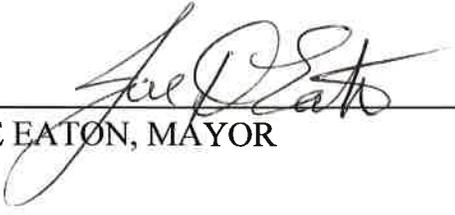
There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Ramey to purchase a 2012 Tahoe, with police package, at state contract price of \$25,147.60, using the D. A. R. E. funds. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, the Mayor's Report. Mayor Pro Tem, David Bolen, reported the following:

That anyone watching their dog at the City Park was required to have their dog on a

leash. He recommended that people have a big enough leash for the size animal that they were walking, for protection of all the children and adults taking part in various activities at the City Park.

There being no further business, Alderman Pounds 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.

  
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JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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