

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
July 7, 2015**

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 7, 2015, 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, Jana Lindsey, 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 Alderman Jeff Williams.

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 June 16, 2015 board meeting;
- 2) To approve the monthly accounts, with the exception of the account payable to Manhattan Life Insurance;
- 3) To Approve the Insurance premium for 501 E. Veterans (Tidwell Property) paid from the Gas System Fund in the amount of \$918.00;
- 4) To Approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption request by ACCO
- 5) To approve the following animal shelter volunteers: Cyndi Patterson, Hannah Murphy, Zac Gann, Brittani Jordan, Zane Gann, Dalton Donahue, Conner Donahue and Sandy Donahue.
- 6) Starting August 1, 2015 to accept cash or money order only, for the delinquent taxes, until land sale;
- 7) To accept Sheriff Randy Tolar's Letter to authorize designee of City to serve delinquent tax notices;
- 8) To approve the 2014 annual municipal compliance questionnaire.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams and with all aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve paying the account of Manhattan Life Insurance. Alderman Eaton recused himself and left the room. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the payment of the item, seconded by Alderman McCoy and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Trudy Featherston came before the board giving information on ribbon cuttings that were upcoming.

There next came before the Board, Gas and Water requesting to hire Kevin Thompson, at \$10.00 per hour, as a meter reader, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to post for a part time/seasonal worker at the waste water treatment plant. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to make emergency repairs on the Cherry Street Sewer Project. David Moore reported that part of the sewer line had collapsed. Two bids were received, one from Eubank Construction at \$160,150.80 and the other from Plaxico Dozer at \$156,628.18. Alderman McCoy made a motion to start this emergency repair and to approve the bid of Plaxico Dozer as the lowest bid, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe reminded the public that the Annual AGPA Goal Survey would be conducted starting July 13, 2015.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve bids on the CNG fueling station. Alderman McCoy made a motion to start the project and to accept the low bid of Tri-State Meter, in the amount of \$302,875.00, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Chief Wallace to provide Board with information to purchase 3 sets of turnouts, at state contract price. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration Police Chief Michael Ramey, requesting to hire Josh Hughes as part time dispatcher, at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration James Olive with the Street department, requesting to purchase a knuckle boom loader. The only bid was from Riverside Hydraulics. Alderman McCoy made a motion to purchase the 2015 with mechanical joy sticks, for the price of \$121,166.00, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all Aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration David Moore concerning the City Park Drainage issue. That there was a big sinkhole at the park and it needed immediate attention. 407 feet of aluminized pipe

would be needed to do the job right. It would cost between \$16,000 and \$20,000 to complete the project. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to post for bids for two used trucks for the street department. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all the aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request by Park Director Jon Hill to give Rod Williams a raise from \$9.75 per hour to \$10.50 per hour. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and the following vote was had: Alderman Bolen - Nay; Alderman Eaton - Aye; Alderman McCoy - Nay; Alderman Michael - Nay; Alderman Williams Aye. With a vote of 3 against and 2 for, the motion failed.

There next came on for consideration the request to purchase a sponsorship ad for the Booneville athletics with WBIP. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table said matter, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to sponsor an ad for the Booneville athletics with TV 7. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table said matter, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next came the Board Report.

Alderman McCoy discussed the budget process. The Mayor and Board agreed the same budget process that had been followed in the past, would be followed.

Alderman Bolen discussed that all employment applications had to be filled out completely in order for him to consider them.

Next came the Mayor's Report. Under the Mayor's Report the following was discussed:

Mayor Blythe scheduled a special called meeting to be held on July 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Next Mayor Blythe requested the Board approve an addendum to the tax incentive package for the construction of new business or the improvement to old business, that added jobs. If one of these type businesses added 10 plus jobs and kept them, then they would be entitled to a tax break (freeze) on the improvements to the property for a period of 5 years. If one of these businesses added 20 plus jobs, then they would be entitled to a tax break (freeze) on the improvements to the property for a period of 7 years. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy and with all aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion was unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe requested that the Board approve the CLG Board Members. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

While in closed session it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session it was announced that a personnel matter was discussed with no action taken.

There next came on for consideration the request to Adjourn. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

  
DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK