

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 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 Mark McCoy.

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 21, 2015 board meeting;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To approve Wendell Yates, Janet Boren and Cindy Stewart to attend the MGNA Gas Operators Seminar on September 22 and 23, 2015 at Pearl, Mississippi. Cost to include registration, fees, lodging, meals and milage to be \$1,469.00
- (4) To Approve Blair Moore to attend the Fall Municipal Clerk Class in Oxford from October 28th thru 30th 2015. Cost to include registration fees, lodging, meals and milage to be \$537.10.

Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda with the exception of the Eaton Hauling account, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the Eaton Hauling account. Alderman Harold Eaton recused himself and left the room. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the remaining Aldermen present and voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to reappoint department heads.

First was reappointment of Jeff Williams to Mayor Pro Temp. Alderman Eaton made said motion to reappoint Alderman Williams, as Mayor Pro Temp, seconded Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Michael made a motion to reappoint George Via, as City Judge. Said motion was seconded Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion

unanimously carried.

Next Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Tommy Comer, as Public Defender, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Alderman Michael made a motion to reappoint David Jones as CPA, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next was City Clerk, Jana Lindsey. Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Jana Lindsey, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Michael Ramey, as Police Chief, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Jerry Wallace, as Fire Chief, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Charles Sanders, as Public Property Department Head, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint James Olive, as Street Department Head, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Jon Hill, as the Park Rec and Park Maintenance Department Head, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Bolen made a motion to reappoint Wendell Yates, over the Gas Department, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Michael made a motion to reappoint Janet Boren, over the office of the Gas and Water Department, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Eaton made a motion to reappoint Billy Spencer, over the Water and Sewer Department, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the Motion made by Alderman Williams to reinstate the

Deed of Trust over the Booneville Apartments II. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board Trudy Featherston asking that the Board waive the fee for the use of the Booneville Hardware for the third annual Unity March. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief, Michael Ramey requesting that part time dispatcher Bethany Young be moved to full time dispatcher status immediately, at the pay rate of \$10.49 per hour. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief, Michael Ramey requesting to post for a part time dispatch position. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to increase Water rates for the base rate from \$8.00 to \$9.00 and from \$4.50 to \$5.00 after the first 2000 gallons. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to increase Sewer rates for the base rate from \$7.50 to \$8.50 and from \$3.75 to \$4.25 after the first 2000 gallons. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill requesting for the Board to waive the softball field usage fees, for a tournament to be held by Booneville High School, with the City having all concessions and the City and the School splitting the gate. The date would be August 14 and 15. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Jon Hill requesting for the Board to waive the softball field usage fees, for a tournament to be held by Prentiss County Schools, with the City having all concessions and the City and the Schools splitting the gate. The date would be September 19. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the school Board budget, presented by Mr. Todd English, Superintendent of Education, for the Booneville Municipal School. The ad valorem tax request for operations was \$1,771,581.00. Alderman McCoy made said motion

to approve the budget request, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Blythe requesting that the Board pass a policy that the City be allowed to apply for any grant as long as the application fee did not exceed \$2,500.00 without Board approval. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Mayor Blythe requesting the Board limiting the number of insurance companies participating in the Cafeteria Plan to three. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had. Bolen-Nay; Eaton-Nay; McCoy-Aye; Michael-Aye; and Williams-Nay. With a vote of three against and two for, the motion failed.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe, that the City sign a proclamation for Booneville to become a Purple Heart City. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next Mayor Blythe scheduled a budget work session for Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANA LINDSEY, CITY CLERK