

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
AUGUST 5, 2014**

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 5, 2014, 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 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 July 8, 2014 and July 15, 2014 board meetings;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To accept the letter of resignation of George Goss, effective August 4, 2014;
- (4) To accept the letter of resignation of Katherine Alesa Taylor, effective August 1, 2014;
- (5) To approve the Delta Computer Support Agreement rate of \$670.00 per month.

Alderman Williams made said motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Michael, 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 \$1,738,622.00. This would be an increase of 1.03%, which would translate into an 1 mill increase in taxes. Alderman McCoy made said motion to approve the budget request, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for garbage pick up quotes. 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, Janet Boren with the Gas & Water Department, requesting that Kim Goodwin be hired part-time, at \$8.00 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Jason Michael recused himself from this matter. Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve hiring

Kim Goodwin, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the Aldermen remaining in the room all voted "Aye," and the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for one full time firefighter upon completing testing by the Booneville Fire Department. 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, the request to seek quotes for financing of the three (3) police cars at State contract price of \$100,000. Alderman Williams 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, the request to reappoint department heads.

First was City Clerk, Lavaile Shields. Alderman Williams made a motion to reappoint Lavaile Shields, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next was reappointment of Jeff Williams to Mayor Pro Temp. Alderman Eaton made a 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Cable Transfer Agreement, as requested by Metro Cast. Attorney Tucker recommended that the City hire Local Government Services to complete an audit and to enter into an agreement for them to do this audit to determine if the Metro Cast Cable had provided all compensation to the City of Booneville as they should. The costs of this would be \$4,000.00, plus expenses, and he requested that the Mayor be allowed to sign this agreement and pay those fees. Alderman Williams 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, the request to sell the property located at 211 Brewer Street. Two (2) appraisals had been obtained. One came in at \$12,000.00 and the other came in at \$12,900.00. The average was \$12,450.00. Alderman Bolen made a motion to accept sealed bids, with a minimum bid being \$12,450.00, which is the price the City has to get by law, and the winner would be the highest and best bid above the \$12,450.00. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the bids for the new cell phone wireless service for the City of Booneville. Verizon had bid with a 30g data plan with sixteen (16) phones, at \$743.25 per month, with a \$900.00 billing incentive credit. AT&T bid the same 30g data package for twelve (12) smart phones and four (4) messages phones at \$687.00 per month, with a \$100.00 bill credit for each phone activated, which would be a total credit of \$1,600.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve AT &T as being the lowest and best bid, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Alderman Williams made a motion to have Attorney Daniel K. Tucker, look into preparing a Panhandling Ordinance. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with the

Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

On the Mayor's Report, the Mayor reported that there would be a work session on Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Next, Mayor Blythe requested an emergency purchase at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. David Moore explained that one of the clarifiers had went down, and that the rake inside the clarifiers was in pieces. The replacement costs for the clarifier was \$32,000.00, and Quail Ridge had given an estimate of \$5,000.00 to put the rake back together, for a total of up to \$37, 000.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve this emergency purchase, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with the Aldermen 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 Michael, and with the Aldermen present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK