

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
AUGUST 6, 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, August 6, 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 Lowrey.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Jeff Williams.

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 23, 2013, board meeting;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To approve the Court Clerk attending the Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Seminar on September 11- 13, 2013, with the costs to include lodging, meals, and gas card in the amount of \$279.34.

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

There first came on for consideration, Ronnie Johnson with Public Properties. First, Ronnie Johnson requested approval to start the process, to update the City of Booneville sign ordinance. This would be presented at a later date to the Mayor and Board of Alderman for discussion. Alderman McCoy made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open bids for the demolition of property located at 209 South King Street. Three (3) bids were received. Eddie Allen bid \$2,700.00, Stan Norris bid \$5,150.00, and Buz Plaxico bid \$3,800.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low bid of Eddie Allen, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request from Ronnie Johnson to open the bid for the demolition of property located at 410 Foster Park. Three (3) bids were received. Eddie Allen bid

\$4,800.00, Stan Norris bid \$4,850.00, and Buz Plaxico bid \$3,800.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low bid of Buz Plaxico, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Next, Ronnie Johnson advised that the mowing and clean up request on the property located 200 Lakeview Drive, had been done.

Next, Ronnie Johnson requested approval to transfer the 2007 Ford Explorer from the Mayor to Public Properties, to be used by him. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, Superintendent Todd English with the Booneville School System, requesting his 2013-2014 ad valorem tax request. The ad valorem tax request for operations was \$1,671,408.00. The ad valorem tax request for debt services and obligation bond was \$226,625.00. The ad valorem tax request for Three mills/10-20 Year Notes, was \$127,195.00. The short fall was \$157,191.00. Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for discussion, Terry Congdon regarding cable/internet services out at Quail Run. Mayor Blythe said he would check on this and would report back to Mr. Congdon.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Alderman Michael made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

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

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint the Police Chief. Alderman McCoy made a motion to appoint Michael Ramey, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Jerry Wallace, as the Fire Chief. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Aye,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Nay,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a motion made by Alderman Eaton to appoint Brent Mauney, as the Park Sports Coordinator. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a motion made by Alderman McCoy to appoint Ronnie Johnson over Public Properties. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Wendell Yates, as Supervisor over the Gas Department. Alderman Michael made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Billy Spencer, as Supervisor over the Water/Sewer Department. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Janet Boren, as office/utilities manager. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint James Olive over the Street Department. Said motion was made by Alderman Bolen, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Jones & Jones, as the City CPA. Said motion was made by Alderman Michael, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, a motion made by Alderman Williams to revote on the Fire Chief appointment. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Nay,"

Alderman Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman McCoy "Nay,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of three (4) against and two for, the motion to revote failed.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Marcus Johnson, as a full time firefighter. Alderman Michael 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.

Next before the Board, was Jim Hill with the City Shop talking about the need for some help.

There next came on for consideration, the on-call day issue with the Gas & Water Department. Alderman Michael 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 consideration, the request to post for a part-time position in the Gas & Water Office. Alderman McCoy 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 seek bids for a front end loader. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, 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 James Olive to purchase five (5) concrete barriers from B & B Concrete and the City would get ten (10) free. 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, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that he be allowed to hire Timothy Boggs, as a part-time police officer, at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Officer Timothy Boggs is a certified police officer. Alderman Michael 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 approve the City Gun Ordinance, that would benefit the health and safety of the general public, and because it was a health concern for the general public to vote on the passage of the Ordinance immediately. Alderman McCoy made a motion to pass said ordinance, 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 approve the final order for tax exemption for Provia. 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 approve the final order for tax exemption for Marathon Cheese. 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, requesting to purchase a new ice machine, for \$2,650.00,

from Copeland Refrigeration, as long as the City received the requested warranty. 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 to purchase an ad for the City in the Booneville football program. This ad would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Bolen 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, the request for Zumba classes to be taught at the Community Center on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m., with the public not being charged for this class. Alderman Williams made a motion, for the classes to be taught on those times, as long as no one has the community center rented. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on the Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported the following:

(1) That he and Alderman Michael would be at the Rural Water Training on August 19 and August 20, 2013, and would not be present for the August 20, 2013 Board meeting.

(2) Next, Mayor Blythe reported that the City must pay a \$20.00 fee to have the office notary public reissued. 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 to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, 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. Alderman Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman McCoy made a motion to come back into open session, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, Alderman McCoy made a motion for Rhonda Caldwell to be terminated, as City Court Clerk. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Michael, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen	"Aye,"
Alderman Eaton	"Nay,"
Alderman McCoy	"Aye,"
Alderman Michael	"Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

Next, Alderman Michael made the motion for Melissa Harris to be terminated, as Deputy Court Clerk. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had:

Alderman Bolen "Aye,"

Alderman Eaton "Nay,"

Alderman McCoy "Aye,"

Alderman Michael "Aye,"

Alderman Williams "Aye."

With a vote of four (4) for and one against, the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if an executive session was needed. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, 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. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Williams made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

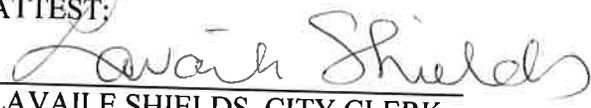
Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter with the Police Department was discussed with no action taken.

There next came on for consideration, the request to immediately post for the Court Clerk and Deputy Court Clerk positions. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to call a special called meeting on Monday, August 12, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., for a conference call with the Public Service Commissioner Office. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Williams 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.

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK


DERRICK R. BLYTHE, MAYOR