

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
AUGUST 7, 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, August 7, 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, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

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 17, 2012 Board meeting;
- (2) To approve the monthly accounts;
- (3) To approve Cherry Street speed limit to be changed to 25 miles per hour;
- (4) To approve conveying a burial plot at the cemetery, to the County effective, July 23, 2012;
- (5) To approve terminating Greg Robinson, effective July 23, 2012;
- (6) To approve John Burns' letter of resignation;
- (7) To approve reimbursing Rhonda Todd, for her registration expenses, to the Judicial Development Seminar, in the amount of \$100.00;
- (8) To approve the pre-approve payments to D. A. R. E., Crimestoppers, City Special Assessment, and Department of Finance Accounts;
- (9) To approve the transfer of the monies from the general fund to the following account:
 - (A) The D. A. R. E. account \$25.00,
 - (B) City Special Assessment account \$100.00,
 - (C) Crimestoppers account \$9.00.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, 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, Superintendent of Education Todd English, requesting that the City of Booneville, pass a resolution, adopting the Booneville School budget request, for the fiscal beginning July 1, 2012. The total net ad valorem tax request was \$1,621,408.00 for monies for district maintenance; \$274,611.00 for retirement of general obligation fund; \$79,209.00 for the three mill, ten (10) year note retirement; and \$68,010.00 for homestead exemption tax, for a total of \$2,043,238.00, with said amount being levied against all taxable property located in the Booneville School District, for the fiscal year beginning 2012. This was an increase in funds in the amount of \$59,995.00, from the 2011/2012 school year. Alderman Bolen made a motion to pass said resolution approving the school budget, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Trudy Featherston, with Booneville Main Street. Trudy gave an update on the upcoming Fall Festival and events to be held in the Booneville Hardware.

There next came on for consideration, the opening of the rate proposal for the home inspector, legal services, and surveyors for the home rehab project. First was the bids for the home inspection. Two (2) bids were received. One from Metro Home Inspection from Jackson, MS, in the amount of \$1,300.00, per unit. The other bid was from Blocket Inspection from Jackson, MS, in the amount of \$1,350.00 per unit. After rating the two (2) businesses, Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the bid by Metro Home Inspection, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, came the opening of the bid for legal services. One bid was received from Gifford and Tennison, in the amount of \$650.00 per unit. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve that bid, 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 opening of the bids for surveying. Three (3) bids were received. Terry Strickland from Belmont, Mississippi, Cook Coggin from Booneville, Mississippi, and Moore Engineering from Booneville, Mississippi. Moore Engineering was rated the highest, and Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the surveying services of Moore Engineering for the projects, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next on before the Board, Ronnie Johnson with Public Property. Ronnie requested that the Board approve a variance, subdividing the property at Wal-Mart Circle into three (3) lots. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion that the subdivision be approved, contingent on all utilities being made available, and no building permit issued until those utilities were made available, at the owner's expense. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Ronnie Johnson requested a thirty (30) day extension for Brian Williams, who was repairing his mobile home to code. Alderman McCoy made a motion to allow Brian Williams an additional thirty (30) days to complete the project. The motion received no second, therefore died for a lack of a second.

Alderman Williams made a motion to allow Brian Williams forty-five (45) days to complete the remodeling of the mobile home to code, which would be on or about September 22, 2012. Said motion was 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, James Olive with the Street Department, requesting that he be allowed to advertise for bids for a tractor. 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, Wendall Yates with the Gas & Water Department. He requested that the Gas & Water Department be allowed to post for a position at the Gas Department, to replace John Burns. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Wendall Yates requested that he be allowed to post for the position of shop mechanic. Alderman Pounds made a motion to table this matter, 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, Billy Joe Spencer with the Gas & Water Department, requesting that he be allowed to hire Collin Box at the sewer department, at the rate of \$9.00 per hour,

effective immediately. Alderman Williams 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 by Billy Joe Spencer, to approve a quote to complete the sewer project on Hotel Street. Two (2) bids were received. Paul Smithey bid \$11,109.00 and Eubank Construction bid \$9,250.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the low bid of Eubank Construction, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by the Gas & Water Department to increase the water tap fees for 3/4" lines from \$200.00 to \$220.00 and for 1" lines from \$230.00 to \$345.00. All current water taps pending, would be at the old costs, and any new water taps would be at the new rate. 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 Billy Joe Spencer to approve the sewer project on Ellis Avenue. Two (2) bids were received. Paul Smithey bid \$17,056.26. Eubank Construction bid \$25,388.40. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve the low bid of Paul Smithey, in the amount of \$17,056.26. Said motion was 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, the request to replace the pump station at the City Park, which was at the end of the Harold T. White field, at the cost of \$8,000.00. Alderman Harold Eaton 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, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace requesting that the City approve paying \$130.00 for Michael Rutherford's fire inspector re-certification. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next, Chief Wallace gave a report on Engine #6, which the pump needed repaired. He was going to be obtain quotes for said repair.

There next came on Chief Wallace, discussing the 1993 Chevrolet pickup. They were having major transmission problems. The Board requested that Chief Wallace contact the mechanics program at the Northeast Mississippi Community College to determine if they would be interested in repairing the transmission.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey, to hire two (2) full time certified, part-time officers. Those officers are Takanech McCoy and Jimmy Beene, at the rate of \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman Williams 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 on for consideration, the request by Chief Ramey for approval to lease a copy machine at CID. A sixty (60) month lease would be \$89.00 per month, a forty-eight (48) month lease would be \$110.00, and the thirty-six (36) lease would be \$133.00 per month. Additionally, there would be a charge for each copy of .0128 per black and white copy and .0866 per color copy. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the sixty (60) month lease at \$89.00 per month, with the copying costs as stated. Alderman Williams seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion

unanimously carried.

Next, Police Chief Ramey requested that he be allow to send Sammy McGee, Amber Cummings, and Bethany Barnes to Dispatch Re-certification Class at the Justice Center in Booneville, Mississippi, at the cost of \$150.00 each. The cost and the salary of the employees for two (2) days would be reimbursed. 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 on for consideration, the request to approve replacing Deputy Clerk, Jana Lindsey's computer, at the cost of \$770.00. Alderman Pounds 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 from the Pisgah Fire Department for the City to donate an unused tower, for their use. 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 declare surplus funds in the gas system fund, in the amount of \$200,000.00. 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 for the approval to transfer the \$200,000.00, surplus funds, from the gas system fund, to the general fund. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request for the Board to approve the final order granting tax exemption for Plumrose. Alderman Williams 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 on for consideration, the request for the City of Booneville to purchase an ad in the Booneville Football Program, which would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to approve a full page ad, at the costs of \$125.00. The motion was 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, Alderman McCoy making a motion, for the City of Booneville to pass a Baggy Pants Ordinance. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Next under the Board Report, Alderman Pounds reminded everyone that school had started back, and that everyone needed to be alert and stop for the school buses.

Next, after the Board Report, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, and Mayor Joe Eaton gave a report on the Mississippi Municipal League Conference that they had attended.

Next under the Mayor's Report, the Mayor reported the following:

(1) That applications would be taken for the Hardware Committee, and that anyone interested, could come by City Hall and put in an application. Any member on the Board currently, could remain on the Board, if they wish, but new members were needed.

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 Pounds, 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 executive session. The request was made by Alderman Pounds, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

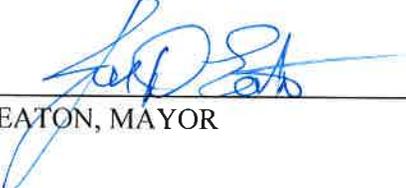
Alderman Pounds made a motion to come out of executive session, and to go back into open session, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that potential litigation was discussed with no action taken.

There being no further business, Alderman McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK


JOE EATON, MAYOR