

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, September 15, 2015, at the City Hall at 7:00p.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 David Bolen.

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 August 25, 2015, September 1, 2015 and September 8, 2015 board meetings;
- 2) To accept the resignation of fire fighter James Thomas effective September 17, 2015, and to approve his request to continue employment on a part time basis;
- 3) To approve Hannah Holt as an animal shelter volunteer;
- 4) To approve Michael Rutherford to attend the MFIA seminar in Vicksburg, Ms. on October 20 through October 23, 2015. The cost to be \$554.70, and includes registration fees, meals and mileage plus the use of the City Credit Card for lodging.
- 5) To approve Mayor Blythe, Chief Wallace and Derek Stevenson to attend the 2015 Fire Academy for Elected Officials, in Pearl, Ms. on October 7 and 8. The total cost would be \$423.90, which would include registration fee, meals and mileage. In addition he would use the City Credit Card for lodging.

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

There next came before the Board Trudy Featherston with Booneville Main Street. Mrs. Featherston gave an update on the upcoming fall festival.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey requesting that Hunter Walton be appointed the new DARE officer. This was a seasonal position. Alderman

Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send the DARE officer to attend the DARE training in Meridian from October 5th through 15th. The Cost would be \$899.00 which would include registration fees, lodging, and meals, plus he would have to use the City Credit Card to pay for fuel. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Jimmy Ray Slaton, III as a part time dispatcher at \$8.00 per hour, effective immediately. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve the repair of the Tahoe. Booneville Collision gave the lowest estimate at \$1,917.69. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the repair at Booneville Collision, them having given the lowest estimate, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Booneville, Ms. and the North Mississippi Narcotics. Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the bids on the (2) trucks for the Street Department. Bids were only received on the F-250. Long Lewis bid \$26,729.00 and another bid from Gulfport came in at state contract price of \$26,198.00. After discussion it was determined that the bid from Long Lewis was the best bid even though it was not the lowest bid. The City would have to send two employees 5 hours each way, pay them and their expenses as well as vehicle expenses. Long Lewis was local. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the Long Lewis bid, seconded by Alderman Michael, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve the financing on the grapple truck. BancorpSouth gave the lowest bid of 2.55% for 5 years. Alderman McCoy made a

motion to approve the bid of BancorpSouth, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration the request to approve the lowest bid on a Durapatcher from Duraco, Inc. at \$49,980.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

Next under the Board report, Alderman Bolen was requesting that the City find a solution to the cat problem over behind East Booneville Baptist Church. A work session would be scheduled to discuss this further.

There next came on for consideration, a request by the City Clerk, for clarification of the Military Leave Policy. Paid Military Leave would be granted for active duty military for any type of training/pre-deployment training for 15 days at 8 hours each day.

Next the City Clerk requested clarification on the use of sick time. Alderman McCoy made a motion retroactive to July 14, 2015, that sick time would be calculated hour for hour. Every hour taken would result in an hour being deducted. Hour for Hour. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe to post for the Housing Authority Board Member. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Eaton, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on discussion of the Cemetery and decoration placement and weedeating/mowing. A work session would be scheduled on this.

There next came on for consideration, the request to post for a full time fire fighter. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by the City Clerk to place \$10,000.00 in the gas and water accounts receivables clearing house account. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve an ad with the Banner Independent as a Thank You for the Readers Choice Award. This ad would Promote the City of Booneville. Alderman Bolen made a motion to approve a 1/4 page ad at the cost of \$175.00, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe to approve the 2015-2016 General Budget, which would include approval of the fixing of the Ad Valorem Tax Levy on Real and Personal Property for taxes for the City of Booneville and the Booneville School District for 2016 and approving a resolution for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all aldermen voting Aye, the motion unanimously carried.

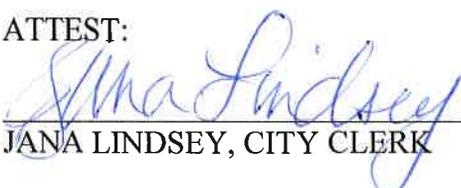
For informational purposes, copies of these resolutions can be obtained at Booneville City Hall. For the City of Booneville, For general purposes and for general improvements, 35.15 mills. Total for City of Booneville 35.15 mills. For the Booneville School District: for District Maintenance Fund (43.987) mills; for General Obligation Fund (5.829) mills; for 10 year note fund (3.271) mills and for the shortfall fund (2.433) mills. Total mills (55.52).

There next came on for consideration, the request by Mayor Blythe to approve the 2015-2016 Gas and Water Enterprise Budget. Alderman Michael made a motion to approve the same, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and the following vote was had. Alderman Bolen-Aye; Alderman Eaton-Nay; Alderman McCoy-Aye; Alderman Michael-Aye; and Alderman Williams-Nay. With a vote of 3 for and 2 against the motion carried. Aldermen Eaton and Williams commented that they did not oppose the budget except for the part that gave the three department managers a \$5,000.00 raise each.

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