

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI
April 1, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met at the Municipal Building at 6:00 p.m. on the first day of April.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Swords, Mayor
Martha Swindle, Alderman
Randy Bolen, Alderman
Keith Rogers, Alderman
Amanda Hodge, Town Clerk
Joel Spellins, Police Chief
Brad McMurry, Fire Chief
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Absent: Wayne Bullock, Alderman
Christie McDonald, Alderman

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Dustin Dabbs, David and Maria Taylor, Ruben and Sue Greer, and Jody Goodwin.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Alderman Martha Swindle gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Keith Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Mike Swords invites the community to join Sherman for the National Day of Prayer on May 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Sherman Town Hall. This year's verse is Romans 15:13.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2025

The minutes from the March 4, 2025, meeting were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Martha Swindle moved to approve the minutes, with Alderman Keith Rogers seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Town Clerk Amanda Hodge delivered the monthly budget and bank balance reports to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF BILL PAY

The invoices for payment from the General Account and the Water and Sewer Account were presented for approval. Alderman Randy Bolen made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which was seconded by Alderman Keith Rogers. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for February 2025 totaled \$59,399.22.

DEPARTMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brad McMurry requested approval to purchase a Jaws of Life cutter tool using rebate funds. He presented two quotes: one from Performance Rescue for \$11,335 and another from EEP for \$12,431.29. Alderman Randy Bolen motioned to purchase the cutter tool from Performance Rescue for \$11,335, with Alderman Martha Swindle seconding. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Chief Brad McMurry provided an update on the tornado siren, stating that a technician will be working on it this week to assess whether it can be repaired. He is also gathering quotes for a new siren.

TOWN ENGINEER

Dustin Dabbs presented three proposed drainage layouts for Cemetery Lane: a culvert with no headwalls, a culvert with two headwalls, and a metal arch pipe with two headwalls. Mayor Mike Swords informed the Board that Pontotoc County would provide the culvert. After discussion, Alderman Martha Swindle motioned to approve the first proposal, a culvert with no headwalls. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Dustin Dabbs presented two quotes for two inlet boxes and grate tops for Second Avenue and Lamar Street: Hancel Berryman at \$6,000 and Cary Construction at \$7,000. Alderman Randy Bolen motioned to approve the quote from Hancel Berryman, with Alderman Martha Swindle seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Dustin Dabbs requested authorization to advertise for bids for paving projects. Alderman Keith Rogers motioned to proceed, with Alderman Martha Swindle seconding. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Swords expressed his gratitude to Sherman Baptist Church for providing supper for the town employees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mike Swords requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Alderman Martha Swindle made the motion to open the executive session. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded.

Alderman Keith Rogers made the motion to end the executive session. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made the motion to adjourn the meeting to May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and Alderman Randy Bolen seconded. The vote was 3-0.

APPROVED, this the 10 day of May, 2025.


MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST: 
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

