

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI
February 4, 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 fourth day of February.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Swords, Mayor
Martha Swindle, Alderman
Randy Bolen, Alderman
Keith Rogers, Alderman
Christie McDonald, Alderman
Amanda Hodge, Town Clerk
Joel Spellins, Police Chief
Clint Long, Public Works Director

Absent: Wayne Bullock, Alderman
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Adam Jolly, David and Maria Taylor, and Chris Feathers.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Public Works Director Clint Long gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Keith Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2025

The minutes from January 7, 2025, were submitted to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Randy Bolen made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Alderman Christie McDonald. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 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 Martha Swindle made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which Alderman Keith Rogers seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for December 2024 totaled \$68,082.65, while the amount collected for modernization was \$62,408.32.

IN THE MATTER OF PLAYGROUND SHADE

Clerk Hodge presented two quotes for playground shade: one from Moonshot Recreation for \$24,790.00 plus an additional \$21,000 for installation, and another from Planet Recess, Inc. for \$20,178.05 with free installation. Thanks to Alderman Martha Swindle for winning the free

installation at MML. Alderman Keith Rogers moved to accept the lowest and best quote from Planet Recess, with Alderman Randy Bolen seconding the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION

Clerk Amanda Hodge presented the order to dispense with the election on behalf of the election commissioners. Refer to Resolution 012025, which is incorporated into the minutes.

DEPARTMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Feathers presented the rescue truck that the fire department intends to purchase. The department received a \$55,000 grant and requested to use an additional \$10,000 from a donation by 76 Travel Center. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve the use of the funds from the Fire Donation Account for the rescue truck, with Alderman Christie McDonald seconding. The motion was unanimously approved with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made the motion to adjourn the meeting to March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and Alderman Randy Bolen seconded. The vote was 4-0.

APPROVED, this the 4th day of March, 2025.


MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST:


AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

