

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI**

**January 7, 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 seventh day of January.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Wayne Bullock, Alderman

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Ruben and Sue Greer, Jodie Goodwin, and Shane Davis.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Mike Swords gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Randy Bolen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Mike Swords opened the public hearings.

Alderman Randy Bolen requested a special exception to allow an additional dwelling unit at 4 Dixie Lane. The unit will be attached to the house but will have separate meters. Alderman Martha Swindle moved to approve the special exception, and Alderman Keith Rogers seconded the motion. The vote passed 3-0, with Alderman Randy Bolen recusing himself from voting.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Ryan Johnson requested the Board's approval to establish eight to ten extended-stay sites at Serenity RV Park and presented the rules developed for these sites. Alderman Randy Bolen moved to approve up to ten extended-stay sites, contingent upon compliance with the proposed rules. Document 132025, detailing the rules, has been attached to the minutes. Alderman Martha Swindle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2024

The minutes from December 3, 2024, were submitted to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Alderman Keith Rogers. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

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 Keith Rogers made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which Alderman Randy Bolen seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge reported to the Mayor and Board that the collected sales tax for November 2024 amounted to \$69,635.28.

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTIONS

Alderman Keith Rogers moved to authorize and approve the appointment of the following individuals as Election Commissioners for the Town of Sherman for a one-year term: Lana Coker (Chairperson of the Election Committee), Everett Taylor, and Cinda Baker. The motion included compensation of \$200 for election day and lunch provided on training day. Additionally, the motion authorized and approved the appointment of the following individuals to the Town of Sherman Resolution Board for a one-year term: Celisa Russell, Karen Sheffield, and Christie Gory, with compensation of \$20 per hour (typically for two hours). Alderman Christie McDonald seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF TRAINING

Alderman Martha Swindle emphasized the importance of water and wastewater training and shared that she would attend advanced board training in May in Saltillo. She then moved to approve sending Jamie Culpepper to Water and Wastewater Certification training this year and Loren Buchanan to office professional training this year.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Alderman Martha Swindle addressed Shane Davis, requesting a checklist outlining when inspections need to be completed. She further required that the checklist be signed by both the contractor and Davis upon project completion. Payment to Davis will be withheld until the project is finalized and both signatures are obtained.

DEPARTMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joel Spellins requested approval to send Assistant Chief Brazil to handgun instructor training from February 24-28 in Tupelo at a cost of \$750, which is within the budget. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve the request, and Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously, 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jodie Goodwin presented a quote from Greg Roberts Fire Hydrant Repair and Supply for \$2,600 to repair four hydrants. While general hydrant maintenance was completed in November 2024, these four hydrants require additional repairs. Since the budget did not account for this expense, an amendment will be necessary. Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to approve the quote, and Alderman Martha Swindle seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously, 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

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

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

ATTEST: Amanda Hodge
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

