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

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
Brad McMurry, Fire Chief
Clint Long, Public Works Director
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Absent: Wayne Bullock, Alderman

Also Present: Officer Chris Garrard, Dustin Dabbs, David and Maria Taylor, Billy Kidd, Adam Jolly, Jamie Culpepper, and Jody Goodwin.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Alderman Keith Rogers gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Randy Bolen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025

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

PUBLIC CONCERNS

Billy Kidd raised concerns about rainwater flowing into Mr. Everett Taylor's pond. Town Engineer Dustin Dabbs addressed the issue, explaining that because the pond is on private property, the town has no legal jurisdiction over it. He recommended that Mr. Taylor consult a hydraulic civil engineer to survey the pond, as maintaining and addressing issues on private property is the owner's responsibility. After the survey is completed, Dustin will review the findings to determine if the town can take any action.

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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Amanda Hodge presented the following budget amendments.

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	YTD THRU APRIL	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET

GENERAL FUND					
001-000-201	PERSONAL PROP AD VALOREM	(130,000.00)	162,255.23	(40,000.00)	(170,000.00)
001-000-203	UTILITIES AD VALOREM	(2,800.00)	17,732.63	(500.00)	(3,300.00)
001-000-330	FIRE PROTECTION STATE	(10,000.00)	20,000.00	(10,000.00)	(20,000.00)
001-000-332	FIRE PROTECTION COUNTY	(2,000.00)	4,000.00	(2,000.00)	(4,000.00)
001-040-635	INSURANCE-AUTO BUILD PROP	3,000.00	3,160.50	165.00	3,165.00
001-050-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,000.00	2,289.52	1,250.00	4,250.00
001-160-593	FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	5,825.00	3,500.00	6,500.00
001-200-491	WORKMAN'S COMP	2,050.00	2,768.73	730.00	2,780.00
001-201-590	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	1,598.69	2,000.00	2,500.00
001-201-605	CHRISTMAS PARADE/LIGHTS	12,000.00	12,993.32	1,000.00	13,000.00
001-201-615	CHRISTMAS LIGHT STORAGE	900.00	622.45	600.00	1,500.00
001-350-590	MISCELLANEOUS	1,000.00	12,730.50	12,000.00	13,000.00
001-040-701	CAPITAL OUTLAY	300,000.00	23,995.00	31,255.00	331,255.00
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WATER AND SEWER FUNDS					
400-000-352	MCWI GRANT	-	-	263,333.32	263,333.32
400-672-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	15,000.00	15,045.12	2,000.00	17,000.00
400-672-585	BILLING EXPENSE	500.00	1,011.65	2,000.00	2,500.00
400-672-579	WATER EXPENSE	-	1,254.25	2,000.00	2,000.00
400-672-625	INSURANCE BLDG AUTO PRO	13,000.00	14,632.00	1,700.00	14,700.00
400-672-700	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	13,300.00	13,609.44	500.00	13,800.00
400-672-704	MCWI GRANT	-	263,333.32	(263,333.32)	(263,333.32)
400-672-802	WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENT	23,000.00	7,285.68	(8,200.00)	14,800.00
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Alderman Randy Bolen motioned to approve the amendments, which was seconded by Alderman Martha Swindle. The vote resulted in a unanimous decision of 4-0.

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 informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for January 2025 totaled $60,570.88.

DEPARTMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joel Spellins requested prepaid per diem and travel expenses for the Lifesavers Conference in Long Beach, California. The cost will be largely reimbursed by the PTS grant. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve the payment for travel and per diem, with Alderman Keith Rogers seconding. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brad McMurry requested approval to purchase a Jaws of Life cutter tool using rebate funds. Alderman Martha Swindle suggested postponing the decision until next month to allow Chief McMurry time to gather quotes.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Swords presented the 2024 Pontotoc Visitor's Guide and recommended that Sherman purchase a full-color advertising page for the 2025 edition at a cost of $150.00. Alderman Randy

Bolen made a motion to approve the purchase, which Alderman Martha Swindle seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made the motion to adjourn the meeting to April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., and Alderman Keith Rogers seconded. The vote was 4-0.

APPROVED, this the 1st day of April, 2025.

MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST:

AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF SHERMAN SEAL MISSISSIPPI