

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

**November 5, 2024
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 fifth day of November.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Swords, Mayor
Martha Swindle, Alderman
Keith Rogers, Alderman
Wayne Bullock, Alderman
Christie McDonald, Alderman
Amanda Hodge, Town Clerk
Joel Spellins, Police Chief
Clint Long, Public Works Director
Brad McMurry, Fire Chief

Absent: Randy Bolen, Alderman
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Also Present: Shane Davis, Ryan Johnson, Dianne Bullock, Dustin Dabbs, David and Maria Taylor, Buck Boatner, and Donna McMurry.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Alderman Wayne Bullock gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Christie McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Mike Swords opened the public hearings.

Buck Boatner requested rezoning for 54 Fifth Avenue from R-2 to R-3 and a variance to the zoning ordinance for lot sizes. Alderman Wayne Bullock made a motion to approve the rezoning with the condition that only two additional houses may be built on the lot. Alderman Christie McDonald seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF BEAUTIFICATION

Donna McMurry presented a quote from Jubilee Décor for four personalized fiberglass ornaments and two wreaths with bows to be placed near the welcome sign. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to approve the quote for \$5,160.24, including shipping. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

The minutes of October 1, 2024, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Wayne Bullock and seconded by Alderman Keith Rogers. The motion carried 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 Martha Swindle made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which Alderman Wayne Bullock seconded. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER

Clerk Hodge reported to the Mayor and Board that the collected sales tax for September 2024 amounted to \$84,844.39.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Director Clint Long presented two quotes for a brush cutter attachment for the excavator. The first quote, from Thompson CAT, was \$9,271.23, and the second, from Puckett Rents CAT, was \$10,400.00. Alderman Martha Swindle motioned to accept the lowest and best bid from Thompson CAT and proceed with the purchase. Alderman Christie McDonald seconded, and the motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

TOWN ENGINEER

Dustin Dabbs presented Change Order #2 and closeout documentation for the gravity sewer project. The change order reflects a decrease of \$25,248.01 and an extension of 45 days. Alderman Wayne Bullock motioned to accept the change order and closeout paperwork, with Alderman Keith Rogers seconding. The vote passed unanimously, 4-0.

Clerk Hodge submitted the payout breakdown for Project 501 – South Sherman Gravity Sewer Improvements, totaling \$574,270.11. The proposed funding sources included: WCMII grant at \$263,333.32, ARPA funds at \$103,676.12, Modernization funds at \$199,974.99, and Water/Sewer Improvements at \$7,285.68. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve the payouts as presented. Alderman Christie McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joel Spellins requested approval to transition Joseph Davis from a part-time to a full-time officer role. Alderman Wayne Bullock made a motion to approve the change at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

MAYOR AND BOARD

Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to purchase a town logo sign for the gym building for \$300.00 from New Albany Signs. Alderman Martha Swindle seconded the motion, and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made the motion to adjourn the meeting to December 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and Alderman Keith Rogers seconded. The vote was 4-0.

APPROVED, this the 3rd day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

Amanda Hodge
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

Mike Swords
MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

