

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI
OCTOBER 1, 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 first day of October.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Martha Swindle, Alderman

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Sue Greer, Dianne Bullock, Dustin Dabbs, Billy Kidd, David and Maria Taylor, and Jimmy Boyd.

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 SEPTEMBER 3 AND 10, 2024

The minutes of September 3, 2024, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Randy Bolen and seconded by Alderman Wayne Bullock. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The minutes of September 10, 2024, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Randy Bolen motioned to approve the minutes, and Alderman Keith Rogers seconded. 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 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.

Clerk Hodge presented invoices from Hodges Construction and Dabbs Corporation for the gravity sewer project. Alderman Wayne Bullock made a motion to submit the invoices to the MCWI grant for payment. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded the motion, and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME FOR AUGUST

Clerk Hodge reported to the Mayor and Board that the collected sales tax for August 2024 amounted to \$73,870.65.

IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTMAS PARADE

Clerk Hodge notified the Board that the Christmas parade is scheduled for December 16th at 6:30 PM, with the lineup beginning at 6:00 PM.

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK WINTER CONFERENCE

Clerk Hodge requested approval to attend the clerk's winter conference in Flowood from December 11th to 13th. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to approve the attendance and pay the conference fee for Clerk Hodge. Alderman Wayne Bullock seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF WATER BILLS

Clerk Hodge requested a switch from postcard bills to paper bills, which would be printed and mailed by Forms, Inc., a part of BBL. This change would reduce both postage and billing costs and enable email billing. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to approve the switch to paper bills and allow Forms, Inc. to handle the printing and mailing. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Police Chief Joel Spellins asked to go into executive session for personnel issues. Alderman Randy Bolen made the motion to open the executive session. Alderman Wayne Bullock seconded.

Alderman Wayne Bullock made the motion to end the executive session. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded.

IN THE MATTER OF POLICE WAGES

Police Chief Spellins requested an increase in police wages, with the Assistant Chief earning \$25.00 per hour, the Code Enforcement Officer \$19.00 per hour, and part-time officers \$18.00 per hour after completing their 90-day probation period. Newly hired part-time officers will start at \$16.05 per hour for the first 90 days. Alderman Wayne Bullock made a motion to approve the wage increases as recommended. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Randy Bolen made the motion to adjourn the meeting to November 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., and Alderman Wayne Bullock seconded. The vote was 4-0.

APPROVED, this the 5th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST: Amanda Hodge
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

Mike Swords
MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

