

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI
August 5, 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 fifth day of August.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Sue Greer, Dustin Dabbs, Jody Goodwin, and David and Maria Taylor.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Alderman Keith Rogers gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Martha Swindle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2025

The meeting minutes from July 1, 2025, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Martha Swindle moved to approve the minutes, with Alderman Adam Jolly seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with a 5–0 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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Town Clerk Amanda Hodge presented the attached budget amendments. Alderman Randy Bolen made a motion to approve the amendments, which was seconded by Alderman Christie McDonald. The motion passed unanimously with a 5–0 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 Keith Rogers seconded. The motion passed with a 5–0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for June 2025 totaled \$73,261.36, while the amount collected for modernization was \$62,031.66.

IN THE MATTER OF VICE MAYOR

Mayor Mike Swords informed the Board of the need to appoint a Vice Mayor. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to appoint Alderman Christie McDonald as Vice Mayor, seconded by Alderman Randy Bolen. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF BALLFIELDS

Dustin Dabbs with Dabbs Corp presented a proposed agreement with the Town. The agreement outlines the roles, responsibilities, and payment structure between the Town and Dabbs Corp for the management and scheduling of the Town's athletic fields and recreational programming. Under the agreement, the Town will receive \$50 per month plus 10% of all field rental fees collected. The agreement will be for a one-year term. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to authorize Mayor Mike Swords to execute the contract for one year, provided it aligns with the terms presented. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF RAILROAD GARDEN

Mayor Mike Swords informed the Board that the gazebo at the Railroad Garden has become unsafe and must be removed. The fence will remain in place at this time. The Town plans to rebuild both the gazebo and fence at some point next year. Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion for Public Works to remove the gazebo, seconded by Alderman Randy Bolen. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

DEPARTMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joel Spellins presented a revised (August 2025) police payroll policy, with the primary change being that grant pay will be included in regular paychecks rather than issued monthly as a separate check. Alderman Martha Swindle moved to approve the revised policy, effective October 1, 2025. Alderman Adam Jolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Chief Joel Spellins presented two grant resolutions. The first, for the 405D Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driving grant in the amount of \$17,658.90, has been attached and made part of the minutes. Alderman Randy Bolen made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Alderman Christie McDonald. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

The second, for the 402 Police Traffic Services grant in the amount of \$36,958.00, has also been attached and made part of the minutes. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Alderman Martha Swindle. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brad McMurry presented two quotes for new radios for the rescue truck; however, both were missing some information. Chief McMurry has decided to postpone the purchase and will present complete quotes at next month's meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting until September 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

APPROVED, this the 2nd day of September, 2025.


MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST: 
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK



ATTACHED AMENDMENTS

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	YTD THRU AUGUST	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND					
001-000-201	PERSONAL PROP AD VALOREM	(170,000.00)	175,171.91	(6,000.00)	(176,000.00)
001-000-203	UTILITIES AD VALOREM	(3,300.00)	3,416.36	(500.00)	(3,800.00)
001-000-225	FRANCHISE FEES	(23,000.00)	23,175.78	(500.00)	(23,500.00)
001-000-240	SALES TAX	(900,000.00)	677,920.03	100,000.00	(800,000.00)
001-000-320	COURT FINES & FEES	(30,000.00)	38,963.16	(12,000.00)	(42,000.00)
001-040-573	TRI COUNTY PEST CONTROL	360.00	340.00	150.00	510.00
001-040-625	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,000.00	-	(4,000.00)	-
001-040-630	GENERAL UTILITIES	7,000.00	8,180.31	3,000.00	10,000.00
001-040-685	TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000.00	4,990.99	(40,000.00)	10,000.00
001-040-701	CAPITAL OUTLAY	331,255.00	23,995.00	(24,255.00)	307,000.00
001-050-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	4,250.00	4,390.86	400.00	4,650.00
001-050-490	UNEMPLOYMENT	200.00	282.14	200.00	400.00
001-050-491	WORKMAN'S COMP	50.00	105.29	100.00	150.00
001-050-605	COURT TELEPHONE	500.00	803.46	550.00	1,050.00
001-100-420	POLICE SALARIES	191,000.00	180,613.77	24,000.00	215,000.00
001-100-470	FICA	14,000.00	13,774.93	1,000.00	15,000.00
001-100-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	18,000.00	15,127.15	3,300.00	21,300.00
001-100-490	UNEMPLOYMENT	800.00	982.08	220.00	1,020.00
001-100-534	EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	1,029.47	(2,500.00)	2,500.00
001-100-606	CONVENTIONS/TRAVEL	5,000.00	6,186.29	2,000.00	7,000.00
001-100-625	INSURANCE -AUTO	5,000.00	7,413.17	2,500.00	7,500.00
001-100-701	CAPITAL OUTLAY	20,000.00	-	(15,000.00)	5,000.00
001-160-470	FICA	400.00	420.75	70.00	470.00
001-160-500	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	63.68	(400.00)	100.00
001-160-525	GAS OIL PARTS VEHICLE	3,500.00	923.38	(1,000.00)	2,500.00
001-160-534	FIRE FIGHTING GEAR/TURNOUTS	8,000.00	491.17	(5,000.00)	3,000.00
001-160-591	RADIOS	4,500.00	-	(2,000.00)	2,500.00
001-160-605	FIRE TELEPHONE	700.00	798.01	215.00	915.00
001-160-625	INSURANCE-AUTO & BUILDING	8,200.00	8,847.50	800.00	9,000.00
001-160-640	FIRE ACADEMY	1,600.00	-	(1,000.00)	600.00
001-160-691	CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,000.00	-	(4,000.00)	6,000.00
001-200-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	20,000.00	21,150.81	3,000.00	23,000.00
001-200-490	UNEMPLOYMENT	400.00	488.49	150.00	550.00
001-200-525	VEHICLE GAS EXPENSE	9,000.00	8,684.51	1,500.00	10,500.00
001-200-575	EQUIPMENT MAIN-REPAIRS	5,000.00	5,035.17	1,000.00	6,000.00
001-200-590	MISCELLANEOUS	30,000.00	31,713.68	6,000.00	36,000.00
001-200-595	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,000.00	446.40	(2,000.00)	1,000.00
001-200-620	MOWER-HARROW & WEED EATER	10,000.00	359.48	(8,000.00)	2,000.00
001-201-620	SIDEWALKS	22,500.00	3,500.00	(19,000.00)	3,500.00
001-350-691	CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,500.00	-	(3,000.00)	500.00
WATER AND SEWER FUNDS					
400-000-360	WATER/SEWER REVENUE	(275,000.00)	257,035.91	(25,000.00)	(300,000.00)
400-000-364	TAP FEES	(10,000.00)	3,000.00	6,000.00	(4,000.00)
400-000-380	BALANCE FORWARD	(90,000.00)	-	25,230.00	(64,770.00)
400-000-394	MISC INCOME	(5,000.00)	627.46	4,000.00	(1,000.00)
400-672-480	HEALTH INSURANCE	17,000.00	(385.20)	2,000.00	19,000.00
400-672-525	VEHICLE GAS EXPENSES	4,000.00	2,247.06	(2,500.00)	1,500.00
400-672-570	VEHICLE REPAIRS	4,000.00	-	(3,500.00)	500.00
400-672-580	ADVERTISING	500.00	-	(500.00)	-
400-672-590	MISCELLANEOUS	15,000.00	18,033.70	5,000.00	20,000.00
400-672-601	WATER SOFTWARE & TECH SUP	2,000.00	-	(2,000.00)	-
400-672-611	CONF/SCHOOL/DUES/TRAVEL	4,000.00	2,507.01	(1,300.00)	2,700.00
400-672-630	WATER UTILITIES	45,000.00	54,790.41	15,000.00	60,000.00
400-672-635	MAINT/PIPE & MATERIALS	40,000.00	7,108.97	(20,000.00)	20,000.00
400-672-660	SALES TAX	4,000.00	4,199.42	870.00	4,870.00
400-672-802	WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENT	14,800.00	7,285.68	(3,300.00)	11,500.00
400-672-901	BOND CUSHION PAYMENT	-	-	59,230.00	59,230.00
400-000-390	DEBT SERVICE RESERVE	-	-	(12,060.00)	(12,060.00)
400-000-391	SHORT-LIVED ASSET RESERVE	-	-	(47,170.00)	(47,170.00)

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

WHEREAS, the Town of Sherman Board of Aldermen

(Governing Body of Unit of Government)

Herein called the "SUB-GRANTEE" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the application (Program Funding Source) 405D ALCOHOL AND DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING and has reviewed the project described in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 89-564 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Department of Transportation, through the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety to make federal contracts to assist local governments in the improvement of highway safety,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Sherman Board of Aldermen

(Governing Body of Unit of Government)

IN THE JURISDICTION Sherman MISSISSIPPI, THIS 5th Day of August, 2025, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the project above is in the best interest of the Sub-Grantee and the general public.
2. Police Chief Joel Spellins is authorized to accept, on behalf of the Sub-Grantee, an award in the form prescribed by the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety for federal funding in the amount of \$ 17,658.90 to be made to the Sub-Grantee defraying the cost of the project described in the award.
(Federal Dollar Requested)

3. One original or certified copy of this resolution must be included as part of the award referenced above.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

(If Applicable)

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING BY Mayor Mike Swords

(Chairman of Board / Mayor)

Alderman/Councilperson Randy Bolen offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Alderman/Councilperson Christie McDonald and was duly adopted.

Date: August 6, 2025

Attest By: Amanda Holf

Title: Town Clerk

Seal (City/County Seal is required)



LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

WHEREAS, the Town of Sherman Board of Aldermen
(Governing Body of Unit of Government)

Herein called the "**SUB-GRANTEE**" has thoroughly considered the problem addressed in the application (Program Funding Source) **402 POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES** and has reviewed the project described in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Public Law 89-564 as amended, the United States of America has authorized the Department of Transportation, through the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety to make federal contracts to assist local governments in the improvement of highway safety,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of Sherman Board of Aldermen

(Governing Body of Unit of Government)

IN THE JURISDICTION Sherman **MISSISSIPPI, THIS** 5th **Day of**

August, 2025 **AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the project above is in the best interest of the Sub-Grantee and the general public.
2. Police Chief Joel Spellins is authorized to accept, on behalf of the Sub-Grantee, (Name and Title of Representative)
an award in the form prescribed by the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety for federal funding in the amount of \$ 36,958.00 to be made to the Sub-Grantee defraying the cost of the (Federal Dollar Requested)
project described in the award.

3. One original or certified copy of this resolution must be included as part of the award referenced above.
4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

(If Applicable)

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING BY

Mayor Mike Swords

(Chairman of Board / Mayor)

Alderman/Councilperson Christie McDonald offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Alderman/Councilperson Martha Swindle and was duly adopted.

Date: August 6, 2025

Attest By: Amanda Neely

Title: Town Clerk

Seal (City/County Seal is required)

