

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF SHERMAN, MISSISSIPPI  
January 6, 2026  
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 sixth day of January.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Swords, Mayor  
Christie McDonald, Alderman  
Adam Jolly, Alderman  
Martha Swindle, Alderman  
Amanda Hodge, Town Clerk  
Joel Spellins, Police Chief

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

Also Present: Ryan Johnson, Jody Goodwin, and Billy Kidd.

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mike Swords called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Alderman Adam Jolly gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Alderman Christie McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2025**

The minutes of December 2, 2025, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Martha Swindle and seconded by Alderman Christie McDonald. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

**Randy Bolen entered and was present for the rest of the meeting.**

**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 BILL PAY**

Clerk Amanda Hodge informed the Board that the Water/Sewer Certificate of Deposit matured on December 26, 2025, and was not renewed, per the discussion held in September, in order to cash it out and apply the funds toward the CAP loans. The CD balance was \$55,642.28. The payoff amount for CAP Loan #1 was \$31,954.12, and the payoff amount for CAP Loan #3 was \$47,204.74. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to pay off CAP Loan #1 and apply the remaining CD funds toward CAP Loan #3. Alderman Adam Jolly seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

The invoices for payment from the General Account and the Water and Sewer Account were presented for approval. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which Alderman Adam Jolly 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 November 2025 totaled \$74,708.74.

**IN THE MATTER OF DEPOSITORY BIDS**

Mayor Mike Swords reported that three depository bids were received from BankPlus, BNA, and Cadence Bank. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to award the depository bid to Cadence Bank. Alderman Adam Jolly seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

**DEPARTMENTS**

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW HIRE**

Mayor Mike Swords informed the Board that Christie Hood accepted the cleaning position at Town Hall and would be stepping down from her role as part-time office help. Clerk Amanda Hodge recommended hiring Bella Byrd as part-time office help at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. Alderman Randy Bolen made a motion to hire Bella Byrd at the stated rate, and Alderman Martha Swindle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS**

Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting until February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

APPROVED, this the 3 day of February, 2026.

  
MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST: Amanda Hodge  
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

