

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

**October 7, 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 seventh day of October.

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
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Also Present: Jody Goodwin, Ryan Johnson, Sue Greer, Dustin Dabbs, 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 Christie McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2 AND 9, 2025

The minutes of September 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 Keith Rogers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The minutes of September 9, 2025, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. Alderman Christie McDonald motioned to approve the minutes, and Alderman Adam Jolly seconded. The motion carried 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 BILL PAY

The invoices for payment from the General Account and the Water and Sewer Account were presented for approval. Alderman Adam Jolly made a motion to approve and pay the bills for both accounts, which Alderman Randy Bolen seconded. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Mike Swords informed the Board that Chief Spellins had a two-day trip on October 1st and 2nd and required per diem for those days. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve the per diem for Chief Spellins, with Alderman Keith Rogers seconding. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for August 2025 totaled \$72,451.65.

DEPARTMENTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Brad McMurry presented three quotes for four sets of new turnout gear to be purchased using state rebate funds. Two quotes were from EEP for different types of gear: Group A at \$15,524.00 and Group B at \$13,076.00. The third quote was from Southern States for \$12,536.40. Chief McMurry recommended the Group A set from EEP, as this is the type currently used by the fire department. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to approve the purchase of the Group A set from EEP for \$15,524.00, based on Chief McMurry's recommendation. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

TOWN ENGINEER

Engineer Dustin Dabbs presented a quote from Riverside Traffic Systems in the amount of \$4,800.00 for striping Cemetery Lane (from Highway 178 to Cravin Cattfish), Lamar Avenue, and Line Road. Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to approve the quote, with Alderman Christie McDonald seconding. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Swords informed everyone that the Christmas parade will be on December 8 at 6:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Mike Swords requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Alderman Keith Rogers made the motion to open the executive session. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded.

Alderman Randy Bolen made the motion to end the executive session. Alderman Christie McDonald seconded.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW HIRE

Public Works Director Clint Long recommended hiring Jody Goodwin as the full-time Assistant Public Works Director at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to hire Jody Goodwin as a full-time employee in the Public Works Department at the stated rate. Alderman Adam Jolly seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Clerk Amanda Hodge recommended hiring Christy Hood as part-time help at a rate of \$14.50 per hour. Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to hire Christy Hood part-time at the stated rate, with Alderman Randy Bolen seconding. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNEXATION

Mayor Mike Swords recommended beginning Phase I of the annexation process. Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to approve starting Phase I, with expenditures not to exceed \$8,000. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Martha Swindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting until November 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

APPROVED, this the 7 day of November, 2025.

ATTEST: Amanda Hodge
AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

