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

May 5, 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 fifth day of May.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Swords, Mayor
Randy Bolen, Alderman
Adam Jolly, Alderman
Christie McDonald, Alderman
Keith Rogers, Alderman
Amanda Hodge, Town Clerk
Brad McMurry, Fire Chief
Clint Long, Public Works Director
Legal Counsel: Attorney Kirk Tharp

Absent: Martha Swindle, Alderman

Also Present: Jody Goodwin, Stan Wood, and David and Maria Taylor.

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.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to remove the rezoning request for Stan Wood from the table for discussion and consideration. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

During discussion, it was determined that Mr. Wood may need more than one acre rezoned to I-1. Mr. Wood requested that the matter be tabled until next month. Alderman Christie McDonald then made a motion to re-table the rezoning request. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2026

The minutes of April 7, 2026, were presented to the Mayor and Board for approval. A motion to approve was made by Alderman Keith Rogers and seconded by Alderman Adam Jolly. The motion carried with a 4-0 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 following budget amendments.

ACCT NO	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	YTD THRU MAY	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND					
001-000-200	REAL PROPERTY AD VALOREM	(173,000.00)	189,721.17	(27,000.00)	(200,000.00)
001-000-201	PERSONAL PROP AD VALOREM	(176,000.00)	159,197.00	(4,000.00)	(180,000.00)

001-000-205	PENALTIES & INTEREST	(600.00)	642.09	(400.00)	(1,000.00)
001-000-225	FRANCHISE FEES	(23,500.00)	19,127.44	(5,500.00)	(29,000.00)
001-000-240	SALES TAX	(800,000.00)	452,368.75	50,000.00	(750,000.00)
001-000-340	INTEREST INCOME	(45,000.00)	15,175.72	20,000.00	(25,000.00)
001-000-365	LAW ENFORCEMENT INCOME	(500.00)	580.00	(500.00)	(1,000.00)
001-000-366	504D DRE GRANT	(17,658.90)	5,928.24	(8,205.08)	(25,863.98)
001-000-368	402 PTS GRANTS	(36,958.00)	34,267.92	(15,424.90)	(52,382.90)
001-040-470	FICA	8,500.00	6,766.76	1,500.00	10,000.00
001-040-491	WORKMAN'S COMP	300.00	184.49	(100.00)	200.00
001-040-590	MISCELLANEOUS	9,200.00	7,668.25	1,800.00	11,000.00
001-040-600	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	18,000.00	14,515.08	3,500.00	21,500.00
001-040-601	SOFTWARE & TECH SUPPORT	20,000.00	7,226.59	(5,000.00)	15,000.00
001-040-635	INSURANCE-AUTO BUILD PROP	3,200.00	3,488.00	300.00	3,500.00
001-040-685	TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS	10,000.00	867.50	(5,000.00)	5,000.00
001-040-701	CAPITAL OUTLAY	300,000.00	17,000.00	(25,500.00)	274,500.00
001-050-420	COURT SALARIES	31,320.00	31,440.00	13,500.00	44,820.00
001-050-460	STATE RETIREMENT	5,900.00	14,044.78	8,185.00	14,085.00
001-050-470	FICA	2,400.00	2,385.20	1,025.00	3,425.00
001-050-491	WORKMAN'S COMP	150.00	9.83	(100.00)	50.00
001-050-590	COURT MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	-	(400.00)	100.00
001-100-500	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500.00	11.95	(300.00)	200.00
001-100-575	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	8,967.68	4,000.00	14,000.00
001-100-590	MISCELLANEOUS	10,000.00	3,456.27	(2,000.00)	8,000.00
001-100-701	CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,000.00	-	(5,000.00)	10,000.00
001-101-420	402 PTS SALARIES	30,000.00	19,802.92	10,000.00	40,000.00
001-101-460	402 PTS RETIREMENT	5,610.00	3,518.26	2,000.00	7,610.00
001-101-470	402 PTS FICA	2,295.00	1,512.68	1,500.00	3,795.00
001-101-606	402 PTS TRAVEL	-	-	4,264.90	4,264.90
001-101-632	402 PTS EQUIPMENT	4,900.00	6,100.00	1,160.00	6,060.00
001-102-420	405D DRE SALARIES	14,000.00	12,074.43	6,000.00	20,000.00
001-102-460	405D DRE RETIREMENT	2,618.00	2,221.66	1,140.00	3,758.00
001-102-470	405D DRE FICA	1,071.00	922.07	500.00	1,571.00
001-102-606	405D DRE TRAVEL	3,658.90	444.80	2,205.08	5,863.98
001-160-421	FIRE DEPT INCENTIVE PAY	1,500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	1,000.00
001-160-575	VEHICLE REPAIRS & SERVICE	5,000.00	1,645.26	500.00	5,500.00
001-160-691	CAPITAL OUTLAY	50,000.00	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00
001-201-605	CHRISTMAS PARADE/LIGHTS	15,000.00	(24.57)	(10,000.00)	5,000.00
001-200-420	PUBLIC WORKS SALARIES	142,000.00	119,136.11	29,000.00	171,000.00
001-200-460	STATE RETIREMENT	25,000.00	20,441.92	5,500.00	30,500.00
001-200-470	FICA	9,700.00	9,005.90	3,800.00	13,500.00
001-200-490	UNEMPLOYMENT	550.00	532.47	250.00	800.00
001-200-525	VEHICLE GAS EXPENSE	11,000.00	7,311.73	2,000.00	13,000.00
001-200-620	MOWER& WEED EATER	1,000.00	1,052.75	1,000.00	2,000.00
001-200-701	LARGE EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	-	(10,000.00)	-
001-200-703	CAPITAL OUTLAY	160,000.00	28,760.50	(25,000.00)	135,000.00
001-350-625	INSURANCE	2,500.00	2,726.00	300.00	2,800.00
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	WATER AND SEWER FUNDS				
400-000-341	INTEREST INCOME	(3,500.00)	2,722.89	(1,200.00)	(4,700.00)
400-000-374	LATE CHARGES	(3,500.00)	2,903.70	(1,500.00)	(5,000.00)
400-672-420	WATER SALARIES	49,000.00	-	(19,800.00)	29,200.00
400-672-460	RETIREMENT	9,200.00	-	(3,600.00)	5,600.00
400-672-470	FICA	3,800.00	-	(1,500.00)	2,300.00
400-672-590	MISCELLANEOUS	20,000.00	21,379.61	6,000.00	26,000.00

400-672-600	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	4,000.00	3,917.00	2,000.00	6,000.00
400-672-625	INSURANCE BLDG AUTO PRO	14,700.00	16,387.00	1,700.00	16,400.00
400-672-630	WATER UTILITIES	60,000.00	43,294.82	14,000.00	74,000.00
400-672-665	CHEMICALS/LAB SERVICE	10,000.00	6,904.75	1,200.00	11,200.00
400-672-700	MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	14,000.00	14,017.72	18.00	14,018.00
400-672-702	CAP LOAN 1	39,000.00	38,783.56	(218.00)	38,782.00
400-672-703	CAP LOAN 3	10,000.00	36,217.66	32,900.00	42,900.00
400-672-802	WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENT	49,100.00	4,433.40	(30,000.00)	19,100.00

Alderman Randy Bolen motioned to approve the amendments, which was seconded by Alderman Keith Rogers. The vote resulted in a unanimous decision of 4-0.

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 Christie McDonald seconded. The motion passed with a 4–0 vote.

Clerk Hodge informed the Board that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant payment has been approved and is expected to be received within five business days. The total invoice from EEP for the air packs is $117,236.63. The grant amount is $111,653.93, with the Town responsible for the remaining balance of $5,582.70. Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to pay EEP upon receipt of the grant funds. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

IN THE MATTER OF INCOME

Clerk Hodge informed the Mayor and Board that the sales tax collected for March 2026 totaled 64,685.70.

DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Clint Long requested prepaid per diem MsRWA Annual Management Conference scheduled for May 26–29 in Biloxi. Alderman Adam Jolly made a motion to approve attendance at the conference and to authorize prepaid per diem. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously, 4–0.

Director Long informed the Board that a public auction is upcoming and asked if the Board wished to surplus two 2008 Ford F-250 trucks, VIN numbers 1FTSW20508EC98661 and 1FTSW20598EC8660. Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to send the two trucks to auction. Alderman Christie McDonald seconded the motion. The vote passed 4-0.

Public Works Director Clint Long informed the Board that he had purchased a used three-quarter-ton truck. He also presented quotes for a used half-ton truck and the state contract price for a new half-ton truck. After discussion, Alderman Keith Rogers made a motion to purchase a new half-ton truck from Kirk Auto Group at the state contract price. Alderman Randy Bolen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS

Alderman Christie McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting until June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Keith Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4–0 vote.

APPROVED, this the 2 day of June, 2026.

MAYOR MIKE SWORDS

ATTEST: Amanda Hodge

AMANDA HODGE, TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF SHERMAN SEAL MISSISSIPPI