

SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2026
5:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Winona, Mississippi met in a regularly scheduled recessed meeting at City Hall, Tuesday, February 03, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. with the following officers and members present, constituting a legal quorum, to-wit: Alderman Ward 1 Mickey Austin, Alderman Ward 2 Chris Herring, Alderwoman Ward 3 Katrina Bays by phone, Alderman Ward 4 Charles Harris, City Clerk Tracy Holcomb, and City Attorney Adam Kirk, with Mayor Jerry Flowers presiding over the meeting, where, and when the following business was had and done, to-wit:

Mayor Jerry Flowers called the meeting to order, and Alderman Herring gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman Harris moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026, board meeting and the January 29, 2026 special call board meeting; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris, voted to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Harris moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 45759 – 45793 deduction checks authorized by law, all employer contribution checks for social security and retirement for the month of February, and the Water Department refund checks from the customer deposit accounts as listed on the refund check register dated February 2026 be approved for payment, duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris and Alderman Herring voted in favor of paying the bills. Alderwoman Bays opposed. Motion carried by majority vote.

WATER & SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS: Batch water and sewer adjustment requests were presented to the Board. Alderman Austin moved to issue the following water and sewer adjustments to the accounts based on the factual determination that the customers did not receive the benefit of the utility services, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor of the adjustments.

RENTAL DEPOSIT REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER AND COMMUNITY HOUSE: Mayor Flowers requested the board to entertain a motion to reimburse community house and community center rental deposits. Alderman Herring moved to reimburse the deposit for the Community House for the following: Charlotte Dunbar and Elyse White; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris voted in favor of reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor announced that Chris Shelton with MSRWA will be at the March 17th board meeting to discuss the necessity for rate increases on Water and Wastewater.

Mayor stated that comp time for department heads during natural disasters and other emergencies will be discussed at the next scheduled board meeting.

APPROVE 95TH ANNUAL MML CONFERENCE EXPENSES: Alderman Harris moved to approve expenses related to the MML Conference, such as registration, room, meals, and miles; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor approving conference related expenses.

APPROVE CAPTAIN EDWARDS TO ATTEND STREET TRAINING CERTIFICATION WITH SNITCH: Alderman Austin moved to approve Edwards' attendance to the Street Training; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor of Edwards attending the class. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE ALL ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS TO BE DIRECTED TO EOC FOR DISPATCH: Alderman Harris moved to direct animal control calls to EOC and remove the cell phone number from the side of the Animal Control Unit replacing it with the EOC phone number; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor of directing calls to EOC for animal control. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL INSURANCE POLICY: Alderman Austin moved to approve paying the annual insurance policy for the city in the amount of \$109,303.00 to EMC; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor paying the annual insurance amount. Motion carried unanimously.

BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF: Chief Johnson requested the Volunteer Firefighters be paid for hours submitted. Alderman Harris moved to pay the volunteer firefighters; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor paying the volunteers. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Johnson reported damage to the Fire Department that was incurred during the storm. Chief also reported that the Ellard Foundation has approved a \$10,000 grant for a skid unit for the Winona Fire Department. Alderman Harris moved to acknowledge and accept the grant from the Ellard Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for a skid unit; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor acknowledging and accepting the grant from the Ellard Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

KENNY WAYNE BEAVERS – STREET DEPARTMENT: Kenny Wayne thanked every department for chipping in and helping during the storm. Mayor Flowers reiterated how the city came together to do all the work necessary.

PATRICIA CURINGTON – WATER/WASTEWATER: Patricia reported the damage incurred during the storm that included meters, weather heads, and a roof. Patricia also announced a public meeting on Saturday, February 7th at the Wastewater Plant on Stafford Wells Road at noon to get the public's input on solutions to problems that the Water and Wastewater Departments are facing.

Curington requested that the board hire Zacchaeus Bailey at rate of pay of \$15.00 hourly and in ninety (90) days it increases to \$15.50 hourly. Alderman Harris moved to hire Zacchaeus Bailey; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris voted to hire Mr. Bailey.

Patricia reported that James Jackson never showed up for work after being hired at the January 20th board meeting. Alderwoman Bays rescinded the hiring of James L. Jackson; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris withdraw the hiring of Mr. Jackson.

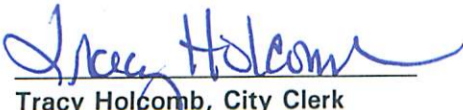
MIKE NARMOUR – REC PARK DIRECTOR: Mike reported that there were not enough children to register for the Basketball league and refunds need to be issued. Alderman Harris moved to refund registration fees for basketball; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris voted to refund the registration fees for Basketball.

JERRY A. FLOWERS – MAYOR: Mayor discussed with board that Tracy Swafford with Professional Assessment Center was interested in renting the front office in the Community Center located at 623 Powell Street for \$400 a month for a six (6) month term. Alderman Harris moved to rent the space to Professional Assessment Center for \$400 a month for a term of six (6) months; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris voted to rent the front office.

ADJOURN: Alderman Harris moved to recess meeting; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting to adjourn. It was ordered that the meeting be recessed until next appointed time unless it becomes necessary to reconvene before that time.



ATTEST:


Tracy Holcomb, City Clerk


Jerry A. Flowers, Mayor