

SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 17, 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, Alderwoman Ward 5 Linda Purnell, 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 Austin gave the invocation.

WELCOME GUESTS

KELLIE FOX - Mayor stated that Kellie was unable to attend but reported that Officer Pettit and others of the Winona Police Department have been patrolling Montgomery Street, and that it had appeared to be helping the problem.

ANTHONY COLVIN - Anthony Colvin appeared before the board asking for a solution to the ditch behind his house located at 509 N. Union Street, Winona, Mississippi. Mayor Flowers stated that the city will take care of the debris in the ditch.

LINDA CORK - Linda Cork came before the board to state that she is having low pressure and discoloration of water at her home located at 708 Summit Street. Mayor Flowers and Patricia Curington responded to her complaint with a possible upcoming solution by either locating or installing a valve at Highway 51 to stop the flow of water from the Water Plant and divert water from the new water tower at the rec park.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman Herring moved to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026, duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voted to approve the minutes. Alderwoman Purnell abstained.

Alderwoman Bays moved to post approved minutes on the website; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of posting the minutes on the City's website. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Austin moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 45895 – 46003 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 and Alderman Herring voted in favor of paying the bills. Alderwoman Bays and Alderwoman Purnell opposed. Mayor Flowers broke the tie vote in favor of paying the bills. Motion carried by majority vote.

WATER & SEWER ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS: Batch water and sewer adjustment requests were presented to the Board. Alderwoman Bays 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 Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting unanimously in favor of the adjustments.

APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING DEBRIS CLEANUP BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF WINONA, MISSISSIPPI: Alderman Austin moved to approve the agreement; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting unanimously in favor of entering into the agreement for financing debris cleanup between Mississippi Transportation Commission and the City of Winona, Mississippi.

APPROVE MUNICIPAL POLICY, EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE FLEX TIME: Alderman Austin moved to approve Municipal Policy for Emergency Admin Flex Time which would allow salaried employees to receive comp time at a rate of 1:1 for time worked during a natural disaster or other emergency and to place the policy in the handbook; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting unanimously in favor of Flex Time. Motion carried unanimously.

REVOKE/RESCIND APPROVAL FOR FRONTAGE ROAD PARKING IN FRONT OF PILOT: Alderman

Austin moved to rescind prior approval to allow one tanker truck to park in front of Pilot on Hwy 82 which occurred at the April 2025 board meeting; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Purnell, and Alderwoman Bays voting unanimously in favor rescinding the authority. Motion carried unanimously.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT NEW HIRE RECOMMENDATION: Mayor Flowers' recommendation for the board was to hire Amber Ware for the Animal Control/Code Enforcement position at \$20 hourly. Alderman Austin moved to hire Amber Ware; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderwoman Bays and Alderwoman Purnell voted against the new hire. Mayor Flowers broke the tie vote in favor of the hire. Motion carried by majority vote.

NEW HIRE RECOMMENDATION FOR JANITORIAL/FLOAT POSITION: Mayor Flowers' recommendation for the board was to hire Dana Nix for the Janitorial/Float position at \$16 hourly. Alderman Herring moved to hire Dana Nix; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderwoman Bays refrained from voting and Alderwoman Purnell voted against the new hire. Motion carried by majority vote.

ROSHAUN DANIELS – POLICE CHIEF: Chief Daniels requested the board hire Jaleen Thomas as certified officer. Alderman Austin moved to hire Jaleen Thomas at \$19.71 hourly; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voted in favor of the new hire. Alderwoman Purnell voted against the new hire. Motion carried by majority vote.

BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF: Chief Johnson announced that Michael Johnson would be graduating the Fire Academy on Thursday, February 26th.

PATRICIA CURINGTON – WATER/WASTEWATER: Patricia Curington presented to the board the need to install a valve on Highway 51 to isolate the water coming from the Water Plant to get more customers on the rec park tank. Maximum cost would be \$9,200.00. Alderwoman Purnell moved to approve the valve installation at a cost of up to \$9,200; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell approved the valve installation cost. Motion carried unanimously.

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

SEAL


Jerry A. Flowers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tracy Holcomb, City Clerk

