

SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 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, March 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, Alderman Ward 4 Charles Harris, Alderwoman Ward 5 Linda Purnell, City Clerk Tracy Holcomb, and City Attorney Adam Kirk by phone, 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.

Alderman Harris gave the invocation.

WELCOME GUESTS

VAN PRESTON AND JAMES ANDERSON – Mr. Anderson presented to the board a vision for the old Hitching Post. He intends to close on the property in the coming month. The Mayor and Board requested that he present to the board an actual business plan including drawings for the property after closing.

LISA CHANDLER – VARIANCE: Lisa was not present but is requesting a variance to a property on Highway 51 that is zoned for commercial/highway use.

MATTHEW HARRISON – GREATER GRENADA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Harrison introduced himself to the Board and the citizens of Winona. Montgomery County has entered a three (3) year plan with Greater Grenada for economic development. Mr. Harrison plans to work together with other counties as a region. He and his team are working on both a local and regional plan for growth.

CHRIS SHELTON WITH MSRWA AND BEVERLY HUTCHINSON WITH NCPDD – RATE STUDY: Chris Shelton presented the rate study for the City of Winona and explained the reasons that rates must continue to be adjusted to accommodate the rising costs and deteriorating system. Beverly was able to reinforce Shelton's study and presentation with information about ineligibility of Municipalities to get funding if the city is not financially healthy, viable, and self-sufficient. Alderman Harris also discussed the need for new meters and meter reading software.

HUNTER OWEN – LOOKS GREAT SERVICES: Hunter Owen came before the board to give an update of work completed and work to be completed. Owens answered questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman Herring moved to approve the minutes from the March 03, 2026, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to approve the minutes.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Harris moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 46146 – 46246 deduction checks authorized by law, all employer contribution checks for social security and retirement for the month of March, and the Water Department refund checks from the customer deposit accounts as listed on the refund check register dated March 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 and Alderwoman Purnell opposed. 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 Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Purnell voting unanimously in favor of the adjustments.

RENTAL REIMBURSEMENTS: Mayor Flowers requested the board to entertain a motion to reimburse community house and community center rental deposits. Alderman Harris moved to reimburse the deposit for the Community House for the following: Brenda Townsend and Natasha Baker; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

BIDS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DEBRIS MONITORING: Alderman Harris moved to accept the bid from Looks Great of Mississippi for debris removal; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell accepted the bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Harris moved to accept the bid from DebrisTech for debris monitoring; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell accepted the bid. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT BID FOR DOORS AND LOCKS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER: Quotes received by StaCon and Rozier Construction. The bid from StaCon for doors and locks for the Community Center was \$19,166.66. The bid from Rozier Construction for doors and locks was \$33,834.00. This amount will be 100% reimbursed through the Homeland Security Grant. Alderman Herring moved to accept the quote from StaCon; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell accepted the quote from StaCon. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBRITECH AND LOOKS GREAT INVOICES: Invoices from Looks Great are in the amount of \$197,848.19 and \$345,214.88, and an invoice from DebrisTech in the amount of \$50,832.27. Alderman Harris moved to pay invoices; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell approved to pay the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF: Chief Johnson requested for the board accept the letter of resignation from Ben Haskins effective March 22nd. Alderman Austin moved to accept the letter of resignation; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell accepted the letter of resignation.

Barrett requested the board to hire Blake Stephens for \$15.50 hourly as an uncertified firefighter. Alderman Herring moved to hire Blake Stephens; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell approved hiring Blake Stephens.

KENNY BEAVERS – STREET DEPARTMENT: Kenny Wayne requested the board hire Keshawn Brown at \$14.50 hourly and at ninety (90) days increase to \$15.00 hourly. Alderman Harris moved to hire Keshawn Brown; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Linda Purnell voted to hire Keshawn Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

PATRICIA CURINGTON – WATER/WASTEWATER: Patricia Curington requested the board to hire Stevie Robinson at \$18 hourly and after ninety (90) days increase pay to \$18.50. Alderman Harris moved to hire Stevie Robinson at \$18 hourly and after ninety (90) days increase \$.50; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to hire Steve Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

AMBER WARE – CODE ENFORCEMENT: Amber requested the board to approve advertising for bids for Sarah Lester property located at 716 Burton Street that had previously been approved to condemn. Alderman Herring moved to advertise for bids for condemnation; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of advertising. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber also discussed the Governor Young property located at 610 Alice Lane. Doris Fields is the new owner of the property. A public hearing needs to be held to condemn the property on April 21st. Alderman Herring moved to hold a public hearing to condemn the property; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell moved to hold a condemnation hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Amber mentioned the property belonging to Ivory Butts located at 601 Harper Street had been previously approved to condemn and to advertise for bids, but that no bids were received. Code Officer is requesting to advertise again for bids for property clean-up. Alderman Herring moved to advertise for bids; duly seconded on Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell moved to advertise for clean-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor requested the board to entertain a motion to condemn property located at 301 N. Union Street owned by Danny Woods. A public hearing needs to be held to condemn the property on April 21st. Alderwoman Bays moved to hold a public hearing to condemn the property; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman

Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell moved to hold a condemnation hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

JERRY FLOWERS – MAYOR: Mayor presented to the board to advertise/promote in the 2026 Profile Edition. Alderwoman Purnell moved to purchase a quarter page ad for \$385; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of buying the ad. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the tree removal bids from the March 3rd meeting, Alderman Harris moved to accept the bid from UnderDog Tree Service for 811 Campbell Street tree in the amount of \$2,300; duly seconded by Alderwoman Purnell. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to go with UnderDog. Motion carried unanimously. Also, regarding the tree removal bids from the March 3rd meeting, Alderman Austin moved to accept the bid from Montgomery Tree Service in the amount of \$3,500; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to accept Montgomery Tree Service bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor presented an addendum to the engagement letter with Taylor, Powell, Wilson, and Hartford, P. A., that needs to be signed for the upcoming audit. Alderman Harris moved to sign the addendum; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to sign the addendum with Taylor, Powell, Wilson, and Harford. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor presented quotes for the repairs to 115 Pine Drive. Quotes came in from StaCon and Dixie Roofing. StaCon's quote was \$1,658.33, and Dixie Roofing quote was \$1,475.00. Alderman Harris moved to accept the Dixie Roofing quote; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of Dixie Roofing. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Alderman Harris moved to recess meeting; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted 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

