

SPECIAL CALL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026
5:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Winona, Mississippi met in a special call meeting at City Hall, Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 8:30 A.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, 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 gave the invocation.

Mayor and Board discussed hiring a consulting agency, ER Assist, to help navigate the grant process for the storm damage from January 2026 storm. Alderman Austin moved to hire ER Assist to help navigate the reimbursement of the FEMA/MEMA process pertaining to the January storm and authorize Mayor Flowers to sign the contract; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to hire ER Assist and approve signing the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor and Board discussed appointing designees for the MEMA project. Tracy Holcomb, city clerk, to be appointed as applicant agent and Jerry Flowers, mayor, as certified official. Alderman Harris moved to appoint clerk as applicant agent and mayor as certified official; duly seconded by Alderman Purnell. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted for the appointments. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Daniels has tendered his letter of resignation effective April 22, 2026. Alderman Harris 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor asked the board to appoint B. J. Edwards as Interim Chief upon Roshaun Daniels recommendation. Alderman Harris moved to appoint B. J. as interim chief; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Purnell moved to advertise for the Chief position with deadline to apply as April 30th, and interviews to be held in open board meeting on May 5th at 5:00 p.m.; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of the advertising and interviewing process. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor discussed some cost-saving measures for the city. The first method to cut costs introduced was to have the city dumpster closed and have the citizens use the county dump instead. Alderman Austin moved to have the dumpsters removed and the gates locked; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The last day the dump would be available for citizens of Winona will be April 10th. Alderwoman Bays moved to amend the motion to close the gates on April 10th; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of removing the dumpsters on April 10th. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor discussed a second measure to cut costs by removing the recycle bin temporarily due to the expense incurred by the city in gas and manpower to deliver the trailer to Greenwood. The city does not get any revenue or reimbursement to offset the cost. Alderwoman Bays moved to remove the recycle bin; duly seconded by Alderwoman Purnell. Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of its removal. Alderman Austin voted against. Motion carried by majority vote.

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

