SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 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, JUNE 16, 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, Interim City Clerk Kimberly White, 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.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

MARY FULLILOVE – DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY CENTER & WATER: Ms. Fullilove spoke about the condition of the stove in the kitchen and stated that if the City is going to rent out the facility, the City should ensure that the equipment is clean and properly maintained. She also expressed concern about the increase in her water bill and asked for an explanation. Mayor Flowers responded that a data log would be conducted to determine whether there is an issue affecting her water usage or billing. Ms. Fullilove concluded her remarks by thanking Sukey and the Water Department for repairing a leak near her resident.

MISTY BAILEY- CROSSROAD MAGAZINE AND ADVERTISEMENT: Misty Bailey presented a magazine advertisement opportunity to the Board for consideration in purchasing an annual ad in Crossroad Magazine.

Alderman Herring made a motion to purchase a one-half page advertisement in the amount of $585.00. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderwoman Bays requested several corrections and clarifications to the June 2, 2026, meeting minutes. After the corrections and clarifications were made, Alderman Herring made a motion to approve the June 2, 2026, minutes. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 AUDIT: Alderman Austin moved to approve the Fiscal Year October 2021-September 2022 audit. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderwoman Purnell opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION OF 2021-2022 AUDIT SUMMARY & PUBLISHED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASION: Alderman Austin moved to approve the publication to be posted in the newspaper on two different occasions, seconded duly by Alderman Herring. Alderwoman Purnell opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Herring moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 46909 – 46949 deduction checks authorized by law, all employer contribution checks for social security and retirement for the month of June, and the Water Department refund checks from the customer deposit accounts as listed on the refund check register dated June 2026 be approved for payment, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, 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. Alderman Harris 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 Harris voting unanimously in favor of the adjustments. Alderwoman Purnell opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

RENTAL REIMBURSEMENTS: 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: Synetra Ward and Johnnie Turnage; duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES: No discussion.

RETIRE K-9 SNITCH: Alderman Herring moved to retire K-9 Snitch; it was duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Purnell, and Alderwoman Bays opposed. Motion dropped.

After discussion concerning K-9 Snitch, a motion was made by Alderman Harris and duly *seconded* by Alderwoman Bays to temporarily house Snitch at Dr. Daniel Hill's Veterinary at $20 per day until a new handler is hired. Alderwoman Purnell, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Harris voted in favor to keep Snitch. Alderman Herring and Alderman Austin opposed. The motion carried by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

MIKE NARMOUR – REC PARK DIRECTOR: Mike Namour informed the Board that several teams are coming to play at the Recreation Park during the upcoming weekend (June 19 weekend). He also presented an invoice from Custom Concepts in the amount of $2,400.00 for approval.

Alderman Harris moved to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of $2,240.00. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF: Barrett Johnson returned to the Board to prove an update regarding the Jimmy Ware building storage unit facility situation. He also introduced Mr. Josh, who is with the State Fire Commission, to provide clarification on applicable laws and requirements.

Mr. Josh explained the state law requirements related to the property and stated that Mr. Jimmy Ware is required to convert the area to comply with commercial use regulations. He noted that the project is over 5,000 sq ft would require involvement of a certified architect and engineer to complete the necessary work and obtain proper approval. He provided additional information regarding the applicable state law requirement.

JOHNNY HARGROVE- INTERIM CHIEF: Johnny Hargrove requested to hire Jazmine Travis as a patrol officer starting rate of $19.00 per hour. Alderman Harris moved to hire Jazmine Travis at 19.00$ as a patrol officer. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Bays. The motion carried unanimously.

KENNY WAYNE - STREET SUPERVISOR: Kenny Wayne reported to the Board that Tyler Holmes Drive will be closed until the following Monday, June 22. He also provided an update regarding the mosquito machine, stating that one of his workers will operate it twice a week in the evening.

PATRICIA CURINGTON - WATER & WASTEWATER: Patricia Curington reported to the Board that there have been 21 water leaks reported between January and the present, and 16 of those have been repaired to date. She also presented a recommendation to hire Robin McNeer as a water lab technician at a rate of $15.00 per hour, with an increase to $15.50 per hour after a 90-day probationary period.

Alderman Harris moved to hire Robin McNeer at $15.00 per hour with an increase to $15.50 per hours after her 90-day probationary period. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Austin. The motion carried unanimously.

AMBER WARE - CODE ENFORCEMENT: Amber requested the board approve to start the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 501 Silver Street. Alderwoman Bays moved to start condemnation procedure; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of condemnation. Motion carried unanimously.

STEPHANYE PEEPLES - COURT CLERK: Stephanye Peeples reported the monthly court report to the Board. She also provided details regarding court clerk training classes she plans to attend in September and stated she will bring that information back to the Board for approval.

ADAM KIRK - ATTORNEY FOR CITY: Requested executive session for a legal matter.

JERRY A. FLOWERS - MAYOR: Jerry Flowers requested the Board to approval for an advertisement for the WHS Booster Club in the amount of $125.00.

Alderman Austin moved to approve the advertisement in the amount of $125.00. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Purnell, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderman Austin voted in favor of the ad. Alderman Harris opposed. The motion carried majority vote.

Jerry Flowers requested the Board approval Central Mississippi Inc, to use the Community House at no cost. A date was not provided at the time of the request; however, the Board will be updated once the date is confirmed.

Alderman Harris moved to approve Central Mississippi Inc's the use of the Community Center; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. The motion was carried unanimously.

Board Members:

Alderman Harris: Alderman Harris moved to appoint Deputy Clerk Kimberly White as Interim City Clerk until the board hires a permanent City Clerk. The pay rate for the Interim City Clerk shall be $26.44 per hour, consistent with the rate of the previous City Clerk. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Alderwoman Bays moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Everyone was asked to leave the meeting except for the Mayor, Board, City Attorney, and Interim City Clerk. Alderman Harris moved to go into Executive Session, duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of executive session. Attorney Adam Kirk notified the spectators that the Board had gone into Executive Session.

Mayor, board, Interim Chief and attorney discussed the pay raises for patrolmen. No official action was taken during the session. At the conclusion of the discussion, Alderman Herring moved to conclude the Executive Session and resume the open meeting, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of exiting the executive session. The open meeting then resumed.

In open meeting, Alderman Harris moved to raise patrol officer salaries as follows: uncertified officers to $19.00 per hour, patrol officers to $23.00 per hour, sergeants to $24.00 per hour, lieutenants to $25.00 per hour, and captains to $26.00 per hours. Alderwoman Purnell duly seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Alderwoman Bays moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Everyone was asked to leave the meeting except for the Mayor, Board, City Attorney, and Interim City Clerk. Alderwoman Bays moved to go into Executive Session, duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Harris, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of executive session. Attorney Adam Kirk notified the spectators that the Board had gone into Executive Session.

Mayor, board, and attorney discussed the legal matters. At the conclusion of the discussion, Alderwoman Bays moved to conclude the Executive Session and resume the open meeting, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of exiting the executive session. The open meeting then resumed. No action taken

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:

Kimberly White, Interim City Clerk