

SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2026  
5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

LISA CHANDLER – 908 S. APPLGATE: Board held a public hearing for variance on property located at 908 S. Applegate. No opposers to the variance appeared.

GLEN NEWMAN – 405 POWELL STREET: Board held a public hearing for variance on property located at 405 Powell Street. No opposers to the variance appeared.

DANNY WOODS – 301 N. UNION CONDEMNATION HEARING: Board held a public hearing for condemnation on property located at 301 S Applegate. No opposers to the condemnation appeared.

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, May 05, 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 gave the invocation.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

TIFFANY WOODS – ROAD CONDITIONS AND RECENT CLAIM: Tiffany Woods appeared before the board with a complaint that the city did not get back with her regarding her claim of damage on her vehicle. A copy of the insurance letter was given to Ms. Woods.

JIMMY WARE – BUILDING PERMIT: Jimmy Ware appeared before the board requesting a variance and permit to build a climate-controlled storage unit facility approximately 14,000 square feet inside the city limits of Winona. Fire Chief Johnson spoke with the Mississippi Rating Bureau about the facility. There are two (2) different gallon per minute requirements based on the materials used inside the facility, as well as a requirement for a #13 grade sprinkler system due to square footage. Alderman Austin moved to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting to hold a public hearing regarding the variance and permit.

LISA CHANDLER – 908 S. APPLGATE: Board held a public hearing for variance on property located at 908 S. Applegate. No opposers to the variance appeared. Alderman Herring moved to allow for variance to have a residence at 908 S. Applegate; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of variance.

GLEN NEWMAN – 405 POWELL STREET: Board held a public hearing for variance on property located at 405 Powell Street. No opposers to the variance appeared. Alderman Austin moved to allow for variance to build on current foundation at 405 Powell Street; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of variance.

DANNY WOODS – 301 N. UNION CONDEMNATION HEARING: Board held a public hearing for condemnation on property located at 301 N. Union. Bays moved to start the condemnation process at 301 N. Union Street; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of starting the condemnation process.

CALBRINA WARD – TOYS FOR TOTS: Calbrina Ward reported to the board that her ability to use the National Guard building for multiple community outreach projects will be terminated December 2026 by the new unit that is posted at the National Guard. This affects storage space for the United States Marines Toys for Tots, the American Red Cross, and Feed America - Food Pantry. Calbrina Ward is requesting the Mayor and Board to help in locating a new location to house these projects. Security and Power load are the two (2) main concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderwoman Purnell requested correction and clarification regarding take home vehicles with the City of Winona employees and Department Heads from the April 21, 2026, meeting. For clarification of procedure, Alderwoman Purnell made a motion to allow Fire Chief Johnson, Patricia Curington, and Tony Washington to be the only city employees allowed to take city vehicles home; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin voted against the

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motion; Alderwoman Purnell, Alderman Herring and Alderwoman Bays initially voted in favor of the motion. After discussion, Alderman Herring and Alderwoman Bays requested to withdraw their votes in favor of Alderwoman Purnell's motion. Alderwoman Purnell's motion was still pending from the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. No further action or re-vote was taken on the pending motion that night. With the motion still on the table, a vote was taken again and Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voted against the motion. Alderwoman Purnell abstained. With the above correction stated, Alderman Herring moved to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting, duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to accept the minutes from the April 21st board meeting.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Austin moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 46561 – 46638 deduction checks authorized by law, all employer contribution checks for social security and retirement for the month of May, and the Water Department refund checks from the customer deposit accounts as listed on the refund check register dated May 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 voting tie 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 Alderwoman Purnell. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting unanimously in favor of the adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

RENTAL REIMBURSEMENTS: Mayor Flowers requested the board to entertain a motion to reimburse community house and community center rental deposits. Alderwoman Purnell moved to reimburse the deposit for the Community House for the following: Christeen Townsend and Winona Elementary PTO, and for the Community Center for the following: Trishae James and Marvin Gholston; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of reimbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES: No discussion.

EDITH LOGGINS – TRUSTEES OF THE APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH ROOF: Edith Loggins appeared before the board stating a contract has been signed with Dixie Roofing and work to begin soon. Alderwoman Purnell moved to continue matter sixty (60) days to July 7, 2026, duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of continuance.

OLLA MAE MANUEL – DOROTHY WOODS, ADDITIONAL TIME: Alderwoman Purnell stated that Dorothy Woods is requesting additional time. Alderwoman Purnell moved to continue matter sixty (60) days to July 7, 2026, duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of continuance.

NEW BUSINESS

DEBRITECH AND LOOKS GREAT INVOICES: Invoices from Looks Great are in the amount of \$31,471.36 and \$93,592.19, and invoices from DebriTech in the amount of \$28,703.73 and \$9,686.77. Alderman Austin moved to pay invoices; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell approved to pay the invoices. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT RESOLUTION ADJUDICATING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY HEREIN NAMED PROPERTY: Alderman Austin moved to adopt the Resolution Adjudicating a Certain Parcel of Land Owned by Herein Named Property Owners located within the City of Winona to be in such a State of Uncleanliness and Disrepair as to be Menaces to the Public Health and Safety of the Community; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of adopting resolution.

Resolution Adjudicating a Certain Parcel of Land Owned by Herein Named Property Owners located within the City of Winona to be in such a State of Uncleanliness and Disrepair as to be Menaces to the Public Health and Safety of the Community As set forth on Page(s)\_\_\_\_\_.

**COURT CLERKS CONFERENCE, DUES, AND CONTINUING ED:** Mayor requested the board approve to hire Karen Carter at a rate of \$25 hourly to train the Court Clerks to close out end of month and how to go to court. Alderman Austin moved to hire Karen Carter; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin and Alderman Herring voted in favor of hiring Karen Carter. Alderwoman Purnell and Alderwoman Bays voted against. Mayor Flowers voted in favor of hiring Karen Carter to break the tie. Motion carried with majority vote.

**MIKE NARMOUR – REC PARK DIRECTOR:** Mike Narmour requested that the board remove Cale Sproles from payroll for the concession stand. Cale Sproles will be umpiring this season. Alderman Austin moved to remove Cale Sproles from payroll for the concession stand; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, and Alderwoman Bays voting to remove Cale from payroll for concession stand. Alderwoman Purnell opposes. Motion carried with majority vote.

Mayor Flowers requested the board approve the annual dues for the Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk dues in the amount of \$125. Alderman Herring moved to pay the dues; duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of paying the annual dues for the MMCCA.

Mayor Flowers requested approval for the court clerks, Stephanye Peeples and Treasa Ward, to attend the MMCCA conference at the Golden Nugget on the coast for July 1st and 2nd. Alderwoman Bays moved to approve conference attendance and related expenses; duly seconded by Alderwoman Purnell. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voting in favor of the court clerks to attend the MMCCA conference.

**BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF:** Chief Johnson gave a monthly report regarding recent training to the mayor and board.

**PATRICIA CURINGTON – WATER & WASTEWATER:** Patricia Curington reported to the board of the recent damage sustained at the Water Plant from a lightning storm that occurred Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Patricia Curington also reported to the board the current work they have been doing.

**AMBER WARE – CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Amber requested the board approve start the condemnation proceedings for the property located at 100 Anderson Place registered to Jesse Fleming. Alderwoman Purnell moved to start condemnation procedure; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of condemnation. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**JERRY A. FLOWERS – MAYOR:** Jerry Flowers requested the board to authorize approval to apply for the Federal Reimbursement Loan program for the damages from Winter Storm Fern. The loan is a 0% interest loan for 75% of the cost of clean-up. Alderman Herring moved to apply for the Federal Reimbursement loan; duly seconded by Alderman Austin. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of applying for the loan program. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry A. Flowers requested approval to sign the Pay App for the Brister Drive Station ARC project. The amount of the pay app is for \$119,485.30 to be paid to Greenbriar. Alderman Austin moved to approve pay app for Brister Drive station; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to approve pay app for Brister Road station project.

Jerry A. Flowers requested approval to sign the Pay App in the amount of \$148,303.55 to Greenbriar for the ARC project at the Industrial Park station. Alderman Austin moved to approve the pay app for Industrial Park Drive station; duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted to approve pay app for the Industrial Park Drive station.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Alderwoman Bays moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All persons were asked to leave the meeting except for the Mayor, Board, City Attorney, and City Clerk. Alderman Harris moved to go into Executive Session, duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, 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 matter concerning deadline for applications to be due for the Police Chief position. No official action was taken during the session. At the conclusion of the discussion, Alderwoman Bays moved to conclude the Executive Session and resume the open meeting, duly seconded by Alderman Austin. 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, Alderwoman Bays moved to extend the deadline two (2) weeks to the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for applicants regarding the Police Chief position; duly seconded by Alderwoman Purnell. Alderwoman Bays, Alderwoman Purnell, and Alderman Herring voted in favor of extending deadline two (2) weeks to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Austin voted against the extension.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Alderwoman Bays moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter pertaining to inmate housing. All persons were asked to leave the meeting except for the Mayor, Board, City Attorney, and City Clerk. Alderman Austin moved to go into Executive Session, duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, 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 matter concerning responsibility of cost to house inmates once they were bound over. No official action was taken during the session. At the conclusion of the discussion, Alderwoman Purnell moved to conclude the Executive Session and resume the open meeting, duly seconded by Alderman Herring. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of exiting the executive session. The open meeting then resumed.

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



*Tracy Holcomb*  
Tracy Holcomb, City Clerk

*Jerry A. Flowers*  
Jerry A. Flowers, Mayor