

SCHEDULED RECESSED MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, AUGUST 4, 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 Charles Harris Ward 4, Alderwoman Ward 5 Linda Purnell, City Clerk Kimberly White, and City Attorney Adam Kirk via 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, and Alderman Harris gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 21ST REGULAR MEETING: Alderman Herring moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from July 21, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 28TH SPECIAL CALL MEETING: Alderwoman Purnell moved to approve the special call board meeting minutes with minor changes from July 28, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT OF REGULAR BILLS: Alderman Herring moved to pay the bills listed on the Docket of Claims, numbered 47240-47318 deduction checks authorized by lay, all employer contribution checks for social security and retirement for the month of July, and the Water Department refund checks from the customer deposit accounts as listed on the refund check register dated July 2026 be approved for payment, duly seconded by Alderman Harris. Alderman Harris, Alderman Austin, and Alderman Herring voted in favor of payment of the regular bills. Alderwoman Purnell and Alderwoman Bays opposed the motion. The 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. The motion carried unanimously.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

SMALL TOWN CONFERENCE: Alderman Herring moved to approve attendance for Alderman Harris and Alderwoman Bays at the Small-Town Conference, held on October 7-9, 2026, including travel expenses and meal fees. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays and carried unanimously.

MAYOR/BOARD MEMBERS/ATTORNEY/DEPT HEADS REPORT

- **BARRETT JOHNSON – FIRE CHIEF:** Fire Chief Johnson requested approval from the board to hire Delve Bradley as a certified fireman at the rank of LT effective August 6, 2026, with a pay rate of \$17.50 per hour.

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to approve the hiring of Delve Bradley as a certified fireman at the rank of LT. effective August 6, 2026, at a pay rate of \$17.50 per hour. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the need for a new air conditioning unit at the fire station.

Alderman Harris moved to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a split unit for the fire station. Alderwoman Bays duly seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- JEROME ELLIOTT – ASST. STREET SUPERVISOR: Jerome requested that the board accept Zaykeese Gunn resignation letter as of July 15, 2026.

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to accept Zaykeese Gunn resignation letter as of July 15, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerome requested that the board accept Stacey White two-week notice of resignation, with her last day of employment being August 12, 2026.

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to accept Stacey White's two-week notice of resignation making her last day August 12, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Alderwoman Bays. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerome requested approval from the board to hire Randy Richardson as an Operator effective August 6, 2026, at the pay rate of \$17.50 per hour. Upon successful completion of his 90-day probationary period, his pay rate will increase to \$18.00 per hour.

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to approve the hiring Randy Richardson as an Operator effective August 6, 2026, at \$17.50 per hour and after his 90day probationary period move him to \$18.00 per hour. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerome requested approval from the board to hire Issac Eskridge as the Lead of the Grass Crew effective August 6, 2026, at the pay rate of \$16.50 per hour. Upon successful completion of his 90-day probationary period, his pay rate will increase to \$17.00 per hour

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to approve the hiring of Issac Eskridge as the Lead of the Grass Crew effective August 6, 2026, at \$16.50 per hour and after his 90-day probationary period move him to \$17.00. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

- SUKEY CURRINGTON – WATER & WASTEWATER SUPERVISOR: Sukey requested approval from the board to hire Johnny Forrest as a Water Technician, effective August 6, 2026, with a starting pay rate of \$15.00. Upon successful completion of his 90-days probationary period, his pay rate will increase to \$15.50.

After discussion, Alderman Harris moved to approve the hiring of Johnny Forrest as a Water Technician effective August 6, 2026, at the starting rate of \$15.00 per hour and after his 90day probationary period move him to \$15.50. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

- KIMBERLY WHTIE – CITY CLERK: Kimberly White requested approval from the board to add Deputy Clerk Latifa Swims to the City's bank account

Alderman Austin moved to approve adding Deputy Clerk Latifa Swims to all City bank accounts. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly White requested approval from the board to transfer Dana Nix from the janitorial position to the Water Clerk position at City Hall at her current rate of pay of \$16.00 per hour.

Aldерwoman Bays moved to approve the transfer of Dana Nix from the janitorial position to the Water Clerk position at City Hall at her current rate of \$16.00 per hour effective August 5, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Harris. The motion carried unanimously.

Kimberly White requested approval from the board to pay Patricia Currington's final paycheck through accounts payable in the amount of \$2,167.00.

Alderman Harris moved to approve the final accounts payable payment to Patricia Currington in the amount of \$2,167.00. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Herring. The motion carried unanimously.

- **ALDERMAN HERRING:** Alderman Herring requested an update on the tennis court and playground equipment projects. The mayor informed the board that he has an upcoming meeting with the engineer and will provide an update once additional information becomes available.
- **ALDERWOMAN BAYS:** Aldерwoman Bays discussed the upcoming budget deadline and the status of the City's budget. She also expressed concerns about the lighting at Oakwood Apartments and asked whether the city could assist with improving the lighting or installing additional streetlights in the area.
- **ALDERMAN HARRIS:** Alderman Harris moved to increase Latifa Swims hourly pay rate to \$21.00 per hour. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Austin. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Alderman Harris entertains a motion to go into executive session. Everyone was asked to leave the meeting except for the Mayor, Board, City Attorney, Interim Chief Johnny Hargrove, and City Clerk Kimberly White. Alderman Harris moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter, duly seconded by Aldерwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Aldерwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, Aldерwoman Purnell voted in favor of executive session. The mayor 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, Aldерwoman Harris moved to conclude the Executive Session and resume the open meeting, duly seconded by Aldерwoman Bays. Alderman Austin, Alderman Herring, Aldерwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Aldерwoman Purnell voted in favor of exiting the executive session. No action.

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Alderwoman Bays, Alderman Harris, and Alderwoman Purnell voted in favor of exiting the executive session. The open meeting then resumed. No action.

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

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ATTEST:

Kimberly White, City Clerk

Jerry A. Flowers, Mayor