

**MINUTES
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF WALLS
REGULAR MEETING**

APRIL 7, 2026

5:30 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOOK PLACE APRIL 7, 2026, AT TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 9087 NAIL ROAD, WALLS, MS. 38680.

MAYOR PRO TEM REGINA BARNES YOUNG CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

**ALDERMAN LARON PRESLEY
ALDERMAN CALVIN FARMER
FIRE CHIEF MIKE HANCOCK
POLICE CHIEF JAYLIN JAMES
TOWN CLERK KATHY GORDON
TOWN ATTORNEY EMILY PARKER
MAYOR PRO TEM REGINA BARNES YOUNG**

**ALDERMAN KEITH WHITE
ALDERMAN BRUNO LAUER
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ERIK CREASY
LTE DAVID VILLALOBOS
COURT CLERK KIM WILLIAMS
DEPUTY CLERK NEKKI SYKES**

THOSE ABSENT WERE: MAYOR KEIDRON HENDERSON.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 3, 2026 REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**
- B. MOTION TO APPROVE PAID CLAIMS DOCKET #'S 14802-14839.**
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE UNPAID CLAIMS DOCKET #'S 14840-14858.**
- D. MOTION TO APPROVE CHIEF JAMES AND MAJOR VILLALOBAS TO ATTEND THE MS. DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMIT MAY 19-22ND, 2026 IN FLOWOOD MS. AND TO PAY REGISTRATION FEES, LODGING AND PER DIEM.**
- E. MOTION TO APPROVE CHIEF JAMES AND MAJOR VILLALOBAS TO ATTEND THE MISS. POLICE CHIEF'S SUMMER CONFERENCE IN BILOXI, MS. JUNE 16TH-19TH AND PAY REGISTRATION FEES, LODGING AND PER DIEM.**

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS IS WITH A SECOND MADE BY ALDERMAN WHITE. ALL ALDERMEN VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF JAMES REPORTED 562 CALLS FOR SERVICE – INCLUDING 253 TRAFFIC STOPS, 160 EXTRA PATROLS, AND 41 ARRESTS (35 WARRANTS, 1 DV, 1 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, 1 POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA, AND 3 DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/REVOKED.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: ASSISTANT CHIEF CREASY REPORTED 77 CALLS FOR SERVICE – 2 CANCELLED BY DISPATCH, 6 GRASS FIRES, 3 MVA WITH NO INJURIES, 3 MVA WITH INJURIES, 3 CARBON MONOXIDE

DETECTOR, 46 EMS CALLS, 1 FIRE ALARM ACCIDENTAL, 7 FALSE ALARMS, 5 LIFT ASSISTS, AND 1 CONTROL BURN.

COURT CLERK'S REPORT: CLERK WILLIAMS REPORTED THE COURT COLLECTED \$23,346.07 FROM MARCH 3-31, 2026. IN COMPARISON WE COLLECTED \$27,677.79 OVER THAT SAME TIME PERIOD IN 2025. WE HAD 34 DEFENDANTS IN COURT ON MARCH 5 AND 28 ON MARCH 24. OUR NEXT COURT DATES ARE APRIL 9 AND APRIL 30.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: CLERK GORDON REPORTED ARPA ANNUAL REPORTING DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, THE QUARTERLY TAXES ARE DUE, AND THE AD VALOREM CHECK WAS \$289,224.51.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: ATTORNEY PARKER REPORTED THE LETTERS OF CREDIT FOR REUNION AND MALLARD ARE STILL VALID AND THEY DID NOT EXPIRE AUTOMATICALLY. SO THE BOND WE CALLED IN LAST BOARD MEETING FOR REUNION (BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO EXPIRE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026) DID NOT ACTUALLY EXPIRE. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THE BOARD DECIDED TO FOREGO THE CALLING IN OF THE BOND FOR NOW, SINCE IT IS STILL VALID AND HAS BEEN REVIEWED.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: CHIEF HANCOCK PROVIDED A CYBER SECURITY GRANT UPDATE, STILL WORKING ON THIS GRANT, HOPEFULLY WILL HELP THE TOWN UPDATE ITS CYBER SECURITY.

MAYOR'S NOTES: NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauer and seconded by Alderman White to approve to go into closed session to discuss going into executive session for Personnel.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "AYE": Alderman Lauer, Alderman Farmer, Alderman White, Alderman Presley.

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 7th day of April, 2026.

Time In: 6:09 P.M.

Time out: 6:09 P.M.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauer and seconded by Alderman White to approve to go into executive session for Personnel.

Those voting "AYE": Alderman Lauer, Alderman Farmer, Alderman White, Alderman Presley.

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 7th day of April, 2026.

Time In: 6:10 P.M.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauer and seconded by Alderman White to approve to come out of executive session for Personnel.

Those voting "AYE": Alderman Lauer, Alderman Farmer, Alderman White, Alderman Presley.

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 7th day of April, 2026.

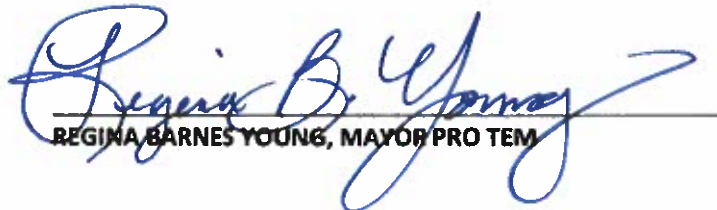
Time out: 6:40 P.M.

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO TERMINATE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, JUDGE KAREN SANDERS AS THE SITTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE TOWN OF WALLS, WITH A SECOND MADE BY ALDERMAN PRESLEY. ALDERMAN WHITE RECUSED HIMSELF. ALL OTHER ALDERMEN (LAUER, FARMER AND PRESLEY) VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE JOHN HUGHES AS THE NEW SITTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR THE TOWN OF WALLS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, WITH A SECOND MADE BY ALDERMAN PRESLEY. ALDERMAN FARMER REFUSED TO VOTE BECAUSE HE DID NOT KNOW JOHN HUGHES. ALL OTHER ALDERMEN (LAUER, WHITE, AND PRESLEY) VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A MAJORITY VOTE.

ADJOURN: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAUER AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WHITE TO ADJOURN. ALL ALDERMEN PRESENT VOTED "AYE" AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 P.M.

SO ORDERED AND DONE THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026


REGINA BARNES YOUNG, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


KATHY GORDON, TOWN CLERK