

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

JANUARY 6, 2026

5:40 P.M.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOOK PLACE JANUARY 6, 2026, AT TOWN HALL LOCATED AT 9087 NAIL ROAD, WALLS, MS. 38680.

MAYOR HENDERSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:40 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

ALDERWOMAN REGINA BARNES-YOUNG
ALDERMAN KEITH WHITE
ALDERMAN BRUNO LAUER
ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ERIK CREASY
LTE VILLALOBOS
TOWN CLERK KATHY GORDON
COURT CLERK KIM WILLIAMS

ALDERMAN LARON PRESLEY
ALDERMAN CALVIN FARMER
FIRE CHIEF MIKE HANCOCK
POLICE JAYLIN JAMES
OFFICER JAMES HUNTER
TOWN ATTORNEY EMILY PARKER
DEPUTY CLERK NEKKI SYKES

THOSE ABSENT WERE: NONE.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN DEC. 2, 2025.
- B. MOTION TO APPROVE PAID CLAIMS DOCKET #'S 14638-14681.
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE UNPAID CLAIMS DOCKET #'S 14682-14694. FEBRUARY 25-27 IN OXFORD,MS.
- D. MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A TABLE AT THE MAYOR'S BALL JAN. 17TH, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 500.00
- E. MOTION TO APPROVE REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL FOR THE MAYOR AND (1) DESIGNATED ALDERMAN TO ATTEND THE WASHINGTON TRIP MARCH 18TH-20TH, 2026 IN WASHINGTON DC. AND PAY TRAVEL,REGISTRATION AND PER DIEM.
- F. MOTION TO APPROVE PROMOTION RESERVE OFFICE JAMES HUNTER TO THE RANK OF HONORARY RESERVE SERGEANT.
- G. MOTION TO APPROVE TO SALVAGE (3) OLD DESKS AT THE POLICE DEPT.
- H. MOTION TO APPROVE 2 NEW DURANGOS AS UNMARKED POLICE CARS, PER CHIEF JAMES REQUEST. BOTH ARE 2026 DURANGOS WITH VIN #'S 1C4SDJFT2TC190617 AND VIN # 1C4SDJFT7TC190614.
- I. MOTION TO APPROVE MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON (S) TO ATTEND THE DECOTO COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL CAPITOL DAY DAY IN JACKSON,MS. ON FEBRUARY 11-12, 2026 AND PAY FOR REGISTRATION ,LODGING, AND PER DIEM.

- J. MOTION TO APPROVE COURT CLERK KIM WILLIAMS TO ATTEND SPRING CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK PROGRAM IN OXFORD, MS. FEB. 25TH-27TH, 2026 AND PAY REGISTRATION, LODGING AND PER DIEM.**
- K. MOTION TO APPROVE LT. VILLALOBOS AND DEPUTY CLERK NEKKIE SYKES TO ATTEND NIBRS TRAINING JAN. 20,2026 AT THE CRIMINAL INFORMATION CENTER IN PEARL,MS. AND PAY PER DIEM.**
- L. MOTION TO APPROVE LT. VILLALOBOS AND DEPUTY CLERK NEKKI SYKES TO ATTEND CRIMINAL INSIGHT REVIEW JAN. 22, 2026 AT THE CRIMINAL INFORMATION CENTER IN PEARL,MS. AND PAY PER DIEM.**
- M. MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION 2026 MILEAGE RATE FOR POV TRAVELS FROM \$ 0.70 TO \$ 0.725 REIMBURSEMENT RATES.**

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

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF JAMES REPORTED THERE WERE 449 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 220 TRAFFIC STOPS, 110 EXTRA PATROLS, AND 36 ARRESTS ON 31 WARRANTS, 2 DUI, AND 3 DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED.

CHIEF JAMES WOULD LIKE TO THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE PROMOTION OF JAMES HUNTER AS HONORARY RESERVE SERGEANT, WHICH WAS ALREADY ADOPTED IN THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF 3 OLD DESKS FROM THE PD OFFICE.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: ASSISTANT CHIEF CREASY REPORTED 76 CALLS FOR SERVICE – 1 ALARM ACTIVATION NO FIRE, 2 ALARM MALFUNCTION, 2 BUILDING FIRES, 1 COOKING FIRE, 4 DISPATCH CANCELED IN ROUTE, 1 DISPATCH CANCELED WHILE LEAVING STATION, 1 GAS LEAK, 49 EMS CALLS, 3 MV WITH INJURIES, 6 MV WITH NO INJURIES, 1 MV WITH PEDESTRIAN, 1 FALSE ALARM, 1 POWER LINE DOWN, 1 SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION, 1 SPRINKLER ACTIVATION, 1 WATER LEAK.

COURT CLERK'S REPORT: CLERK WILLIAMS REPORTED THE COURT COLLECTED \$23,865.50 FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025. IN COMPARISON WE COLLECTED \$22,298.50 FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024. OUR NEXT COURT DATES ARE JANUARY 8 AND 29.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: CLERK GORDON REPORTED JANUARY WILL BE A BUSY MONTH WITH YEAR END TAX DOCUMENTS BEING DUE; WE HAD TO PURCHASE A NEW VERSION OF QUICKBOOKS BECAUSE OLD PROGRAM DID NOT SUPPORT TAX CHANGES COMING IN 2026; REMINDER MID-WINTER CONFERENCE IS JANUARY 14-15; WE WILL BE RECEIVING A REFUND THIS YEAR FORM DCURA OF \$35,453.75; REMINDER MLK DAY ON JANUARY 19; RECEIVED 1 BUILD FROM BRANNON BUILDERS AT THE LANDINGS; ALSO NOTE WE GOT A VERY LOW SALES TAX PAYMENT IN DECEMBER (WE WILL HAVE TO WATCH IT); FIRST READ ON REQUEST FOR \$750.00 (OUTSIDE OUR BUDGET) FOR DRIVING DESOTO.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: ATTORNEY PARKER REPORTED AND READ OVER THE NEW MOU FOR JAIL FEES WITH THE COUNTY, WHICH IS SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, WHICH INCLUDES A \$20 FEE FOR EACH JAILED PERSON THAT WAS ALREADY IN PREVIOUS MOU'S BUT WAS NEVER ENFORCED;

THEY ARE NOW ENFORCING. ATTORNEY PARKER WILL NEED TO ADDRESS PERSONNEL ISSUES IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS WELL.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: NONE.

MAYOR'S NOTES: NONE.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauer and seconded by Alderwoman Young 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, Alderwoman Young.

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 6th day of January, 2026.

Time In: 6:23 P.M.

Time out: 6:25 P.M.

GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL

Motion was duly made by Alderwoman Young 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, Alderwoman Young.

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 6th day of January, 2026.

Time In: 6:25 P.M.

COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was duly made by Alderman Lauer and seconded by Alderwoman Young to approve to come out of executive session for Personnel and Expansion/Relocation of Business.

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

Absent: NONE.

Those voting "NAY": NONE

ORDERED AND DONE this 6th day of January, 2026.

Time out: 7:02 P.M.

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO HIRE BILLY JOHNSON AND JOHN HUGHES AS JUDGE PRO TEMS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KEITH WHITE. ALL ALDERMEN VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO MODIFY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT LTE'S SALARY TO A YEARLY SALARY OF \$49,489.44, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN YOUNG. ALL ALDERMEN VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ALDERMAN LAUER MADE A MOTION TO MODIFY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE PHYSICAL YEAR ENDING 2026, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ACCORDING TO THE EXHIBIT ATTACHED, WHICH INCLUDES INCREASE OF THE LTE'S SALARY TO \$49,489.44/YEAR, GO FROM 3 TO 4 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, GO FROM 5 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES BACK TO 2 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, MODIFY THE OT AND FICA ACCORDINGLY, SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN YOUNG. ALL ALDERMEN VOTED "AYE" AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

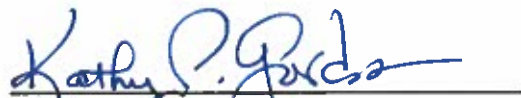
ADJOURN: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAUER AND SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN YOUNG TO ADJOURN. ALL ALDERMEN PRESENT VOTED "AYE" AND MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:07 P.M.

SO ORDERED AND DONE THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026



KEIDRON HENDERSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY P. GORDON, TOWN CLERK