

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF WESSON, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 5, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, was held at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 in City Hall. The following were present:

**Ric Crockett, Alderman-at-Large
John Welter, Alderman Ward II
Mike King, Alderman Ward IV
Jeff Varas, City Attorney
Linda Dykes, City Clerk**

**Absent: Mayor Alton Shaw
Alderman Mike Douglas**

Mayor Pro Tem, John Welter, called the meeting to order. Alderman Ellison opened the meeting with prayer. The first item of business was to approve the Agenda for the April 5, 2016 meeting. Alderman Crockett moved to approve the Agenda. Alderman Ellison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Welter presented the Minutes of the March 1, 2016 regular meeting for approval. Alderman Crockett moved the minutes be approved. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The March claims were presented for approval. Alderman Ellison moved to approve the claims. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board then approved the Statewide Mutual Aid Compact (SMAC) on a motion by Alderman King. Alderman Crockett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Board then went through the Zoning Committee Recommendations. Alderman Crockett presented the recommendations as follows:

1. A recommendation that Brad Turner be employed by the Town of Wesson as the building and code enforcement officer was tabled.
2. The Zoning Committee suggested the Town address zoning violations following the procedure set forth: upon identification of a violation the Zoning suggests the owner be issued a verbal statement of said violation and an official Town of Wesson letter be sent to the owner stating the nature of the violation and giving said owner 30 days to correct the issue prior to the Town taking action to remedy the violation. Alderman King moved to accept the suggestion. Alderman Ellison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
3. The committee recommends the Town send an official letter to the church that has installed an offsite sign on Town right-of-way at the Common Street/West Street road intersection advising them to remove same within 30 days. Alderman King moved to accept the recommendation. Alderman Crockett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Note: The sign was removed before a letter could be sent.
4. The Committee recommends the Town send an official letter to Willmer Newman, advising the mobile home at 1135 Pine Street that was destroyed by the recent tornado is a public health and safety issue and must be removed within 30 days. Alderman King moved to accept the recommendation. Alderman Ellison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
5. The committee recommended the Town issue an official letter to the property owner of record that the abandoned home located just south of the railroad overpass on Beech Street should be removed within 30 days due to the public health and safety issues. Alderman King moved to accept the recommendation. Alderman Crockett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
6. The committed suggested the Town issue an official letter to the property owner of record for the abandoned Feed Mill advising the property should be cleaned up and secured within 30 days to protect the public health and safety.

7. Jim Lightsey made a presentation to the committee advising of his objection to the issuance of a building permit to Will Turnbo on Collier Street for an accessory building. The committee also received a revised request from Will Turnbo advising he would not construct the building on the side lot of his home but would construct the building on the rear of the lot where the old house will be town down. He advised all set back dimensions would be met. The committee recommends the existing building permit be revised to reflect this decision and he be allowed to construct the accessory building. Alderman King moved that the recommendation be tabled. Alderman Crockett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

8. It was suggested that all future building permit applications include the e911 street address of the subject property.

9. Mildred Newell at 1014 David Britt Street made a presentation to the committee inquiring if it would be acceptable to construct a detached garage on her existing lot. She advised the garage would be in the rear of the existing home would comply with the required building set bact dimensions. She was also advised that the garage could not be a portable building with metal sides. The committee recommends she completes a building permit application specifying the exact location and construction type of the garage and if all meets the current zoning requirements she be issued the building permit.

10. Jarred Ashley discussed his desire for a variance to be allowed to place an off sight sign advertising his business on property located along Highway 51 south of the Co-Lin entrance. The committee recommends that the variance not be issued due to the fact it would be virtually impossible to deny future requests for signage variances. The committee intends to research the sign ordinance and will recommend modification of same if justified. Alderman King moved to allow the variance for a professional silk screen sign for 90 days. At the end of the 90 days (July 19)the sign will have to come down. Alderman Ellison seconded the motion. The motion passed with Alderman King and Ellison voting for the motion. Alderman Crockett voted against the motion.

Three people requested to be on the agenda for the May meeting:

Norma Garrett concerning water to her house; Thomas Ailes and Teresa Afanador concerning pot holes on their streets.

There being no further business currently at hand, Alderman Crockett moved the meeting adjourn until May 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1011 Spring Street, Wesson, MS. Alderman King seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Alton Shaw

ATTESTED:

Linda Dykes, City Clerk