

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
JANUARY 06, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 1st Tuesday in January, January 06, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi

Initially present were Mayor Gunn, Aldermen Banks, Grantham, Martin and Sistrunk. Alderman Herrin was absent.

Mayor Gunn called the Meeting to order and announced a quorum.

Alderman Banks gave the invocation.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Grantham to send Officer Tanner McCue to Crimes Against Children Certified Investigator (4) week course starting April, 2026 at MS Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Pearl, MS and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$1,300.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Park Director, Mark Hester a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Grantham to approve the quote of Specialty Tree Service, LLC in the amount of \$15,000.00 to take down, haul off and grind stumps of (15) fifteen trees located around the tennis courts, the lowest and best of two quotes received as follows:

Specialty Tree Service, LLC	\$15,000.00
Big John's Tree Service	\$16,500.00

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to take off the table Florence Volunteer Fire Department purchase. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks, in accordance with Florence Volunteer Fire Department Contract with the City of Florence, to authorize and direct the city clerk to issue a check payable to Florence Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve the claims docket. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Banks to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2025. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the police department involving the position of dispatcher and officer. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Herrin to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:45 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Grantham to accept the resignation of Dispatcher Taylor Busby effective January 6, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to hire Luz Elena Macias as a full-time dispatcher at \$16.00 per hour starting January 7, 2026, with (6) months' probation, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to hire Julious Peyton Warren as a full-time police officer at \$21.06 per hour starting January 7, 2026, with (6) months' probation, pending a successful background check and drug and alcohol testing. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Aderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

A Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk, at the discretion of Chief Burns, to send Officer Julious Peyton Warren to the first available police officer training academy to become a certified officer and for the city to pay the registration fee and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried as follows:

Alderman John Banks voted:	Aye
Alderman Brian Grantham voted:	Aye
Alderman Mason Herrin voted:	Aye
Alderman Kyle Martin voted:	Aye
Alderman Brent Sistrunk voted:	Aye

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to return to regular session at 7:05 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 7:05 p.m.


MAYOR, TREY GUNN

1-21-2026

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, LINDA WIGLEY

NOTICE
CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2026

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

WHERE: CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
203 COLLEGE STREET
FLORENCE, MS

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Spartan Homes.....Joel Sims
2. Certified Investigator Course for Tanner McCue.....Brad Burns
3. Quotes for tree removal at tennis courts.....Mark Hester

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Wednesday December 31, 2025.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

REPORTS:

1. POLICE DEPARTMENT
2. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
3. STREET DEPARTMENT
4. PARK DEPARTMENT
5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
6. MAYOR ASSISTANT/POLICE OFFICER
7. CITY CLERK
8. CITY ENGINEER
9. CITY ATTORNEY

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Tabled Florence Volunteer Fire Department purchase.....Mayor Gunn

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS DOCKETT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2025:

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