

CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
August 18, 2026

The Governing Authorities of the city of Florence met in their regularly scheduled meeting set for the 3rd Tuesday in August, August 18, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at city hall located at 203 College Street in Florence, Mississippi.

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

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

Alderman Grantham gave the invocation.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to adopt a **RESOLUTION FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI DECLARING (17) S26P TASERS AND HOLSTERS SURPLUSED AND DONATED TO THE FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-25-25 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE, ANNOTATED.** A copy of the donated property is attached. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve placement of 25mph speed limit signs in the Driftwood Subdivision. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve payment to Rankin County Football League in the amount of \$4,471.68 for tackle football sanction fees. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve payment to Rankin County Football League in the amount of \$696.48 for flag football sanction fees. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to send Community Development Director Joel Sims to the annual BOMA Conference December 1-3, 2026 in Natchez, MS and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$250.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of City Engineer Tim Parker, a Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to **AWARD THE 2026 TANKS REHAB PROJECT TO SOUTHEASTERN TANK & TOWER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$233,850.00, THE LOWEST AND BEST OF (3) BIDS RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS, PENDING EXECUTION OF ADDENDUM.**

Southeastern Tank & Tower	233,850.00
Stephens TPS	252,330.00
Maguire Iron	371,000.00

The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Sistrunk, seconded by Alderman Martin to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign off on **C-SPIRE PROPERTY DAMAGE RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** for repairs to city sewer lines damaged by C-Spire. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Banks to send the governing authorities and deputy clerk to the Small-Town Conference in Hattiesburg, MS October 8-9, 2026 and for the city to pay the registration fee of \$125.00 and all related cost as allowed by state law. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Herrin, seconded by Alderman Banks to authorize and direct Mayor Gunn to sign **ENERGY SMALL BUSINESS SOLUTIONS PROPOSAL 1CF26779539 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NEW LED LIGHTING FOR CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,325.40.** The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Sistrunk to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Grantham, seconded by Alderman Martin to approve the Minutes of Special Called Meeting of August 10, 2026. The Motion was carried as follows:

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

A Motion was made by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Herrin to consider the need for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the police department involving the position of patrolman. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Grantham to go into executive session for the above stated purpose at 6:35 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon recommendation of Chief Burns, a Motion was made in executive session by Alderman Martin, seconded by Alderman Banks to promote LT. Brennan Alexander to Captain for the Florence Police Department at his current rate of pay. 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 Grantham, seconded by Alderman Herrin to hire Tyler Keyes as a full-time police officer at \$21.06 per hour starting August 19, 2026, and to send him to the academy for certification located at Camp Shelby October 4-December 17, 2026 at a cost of \$4,000.00, to be

reimbursed by State of MS upon graduation, 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

A Motion was made by Alderman Banks, seconded by Alderman Grantham to return to regular session at 6:45 p.m. The Motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Being no further business, Mayor Gunn adjourned the Meeting at 6:45 p.m.



MAYOR, TREY GUNN



ATTEST:



CITY CLERK, LINDA WIGLEY



NOTICE
CITY OF FLORENCE
WORK SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2026
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
WHERE: FLORENCE CITY HALL BOARD ROOM
203 COLLEGE STREET
FLORENCE, MS

PURPOSE: GENERAL WORK SESSION

1. Football referee fees.....Mark Hester/Mayor Gunn
2. Water Rates.....Mayor Gunn
3. Energy MS Lighting proposal.....Mayor Gunn
4. BOMA ConferenceJoel Sims
5. Ridgeland Police Department Donation to Florence.....Chief Burns
6. Speed Limit Signs in Driftwood Subdivision.....Chief Burns

A copy of this work session agenda was posted on the bulletin board at City Hall and Police Department Monday August 17, 2026.

A G E N D A
CITY OF FLORENCE
REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND BOARD
AUGUST 18, 2026

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

INVOCATION:

REPORTS:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorize Attendance of MML Small Town Conference.....City Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

ORDINANCE:

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVAL OF MID-MONTH CLAIMS DOCKET:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2026

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2026:

A copy of this board meeting agenda was posted on the bulletin board at city hall and police department Monday August 17, 2026.