

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

November 18, 2025

5:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN/ALDERWOMAN MET IN THE ABERDEEN CITY HALL BOARD ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR JOHNNY D. STEVENS, ALDERMAN NICHOLAS HOLLIDAY, ALDERWOMAN RHONDA MOORE, ALDERMAN JAMES IVORY, ALDERMAN JEREMY BELLE, ALDERMAN JOHN CAIN, CITY CLERK MELISSA MOORE, and CITY ATTORNEY WALTER H. ZINN, JR.

Invocation: Alderman James Ivory

Present for meeting on the telephone: City Attorney Walter H. Zinn, Jr. (5:00 PM-5:18 PM)

ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the agenda in its original form. On a roll call vote, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the Board Minutes dated November 4, 2025. On a roll call vote, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the New Logo for the City of Aberdeen. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the opening of a new account for the Second Neuburger Library at the Bank of Okolona for donations. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the opening of a new account for the M & O Depot at the Bank of Okolona for donations. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to give permission to Mrs. Kathy Seymour to accept a grant from South Monroe County Community Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the ductwork at the M & O Depot. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve and pay the invoice submitted by Continental Plumbing in the amount of \$16,400.00 for the work previously performed at the M & O Depot. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Abstain”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to give permission to Comptroller Karen Crump, City Administrator Teresa Baker-Young, City Clerk Melissa Moore, Mayor Johnny Stevens and City Attorney Walter Zinn, Jr. to figure out on how to borrow the money and how much is needed to complete the repairs on the M & O Depot. No vote was given. Alderman Cain Rescinded the Motion and Alderman Ivory Rescinded the Second.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the quote given by Kline Mechanical Systems, Fulton, MS in the amount of \$21,585.00 to furnish the labor and materials necessary to install the ductwork and insulation / double wall spiral pipe for the M & O Depot. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to allow Mr. Sam Krusee to advertise for Bids in the Monroe Journal Newspaper for the carpentry work at the M & O Depot. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to TABLE Line Item #3D and #3F on the agenda until Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to publish to the public the changes to the City of Aberdeen Zoning Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances, and approve the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance effective November 28, 2025, subject to a public hearing. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve and pay the 2026 Winter Mississippi Municipal Attorney’s Registration Fee in the amount of \$175.00 and Printed Material in the amount of \$25.00 for City Attorney Walter Zinn, Jr. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to terminate Water Department employee Triron Brown. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to approve the refund paid for the Christmas Parade Entry Fee by Eutaw Construction Company in the amount of \$10.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Benefits Management Group (BMG), Meridian, MS as the Dental, Vision and Hearing Company for the City of Aberdeen from January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the new Logo for Aberdeen Public Works. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the Commercial Property Insurance (The Policy Center) for the City of Aberdeen in the amount of \$134,807.00 with policy dates: 11/23/2025-11/23/2026. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory authorizing City Attorney Walter Zinn, Jr. to start proceedings against the Aberdeen Separate School District for the money owed to the City of Aberdeen which is the arrears plus the month of October. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted “Nay”; Alderman Ivory voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated November 18, 2025, EXCLUDING any expenses paid by Cadence Bank. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated November 18, 2025, INCLUDING any expenses paid by Cadence Bank. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderman Belle “Recused” from meeting at 6:15pm and returned at 6:16pm.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve and pay invoice submitted by City Attorney Walter Zinn, Jr in the amount of \$3,075.00 for November 4-17, 2025. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve CITY OF ABERDEEN – 2024 ARPA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS – PART 1: NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK – MAGUIRE IRON, INC – PAY REQUEST NO. 8 in the amount of \$86,070.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve CITY OF ABERDEEN – 2024 ARPA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS (REBID) – PART 2: WELL SITE IMPROVEMENTS PERMA CORPORATION – PAY REQUEST NO. 6 in the amount of \$142,500.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve CITY OF ABERDEEN – 2024 ARPA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS (REBID) – PART 2: WELL SITE IMPROVEMENTS PERMA CORPORATION – PAY REQUEST NO. 7 in the amount of \$109,250.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Amory Marine Sales, Amory, MS in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the 2026 Polaris Ranger Crew and supplies for the Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Tristate Truck Center, Tupelo, MS in the amount of \$2,564.64 for the service of Unit #43 for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor MS-TN Transformer, Greenwood, MS in the amount of \$3,921.00 for Transformers needed for Well House #6 for the City of Aberdeen Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Emerald Transformers, McKinney, TX in the amount of \$3,642.00 for the Transformers needed for the City of Aberdeen Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Raborn Media, Madison, MS in the amount of \$1,963.20 for Sales, Web Hosting, Map and Digital Ads for the City of Aberdeen Visitor’s Bureau. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Wren Body Works, LLC, Okolona, MS in the amount of \$3,225.75 for Bucket Truck Unit #43 and Unit #29 for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Dixie Wholesale Waterworks, Louisville, MS in the amount of \$2,645.70 for Meter Gaskets and Setters for the City of Aberdeen Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Dixie Wholesale Waterworks, Louisville, MS in the amount of \$3,759.74 for Clamps and Meters for the City of Aberdeen Water Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the Purchase Requisition Vendor Tag Truck Center of Tupelo, Tupelo, MS in the amount of \$3,368.54 for repairs to Unit #T-12 for the City of Aberdeen Public Works Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to TABLE the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Inmate Invoice in the amount of \$3,570.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to accept the resignation of Police Officer Charity Davis with an effective date November 13, 2025. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stevens asked Ms. Tina Robbins to provide the Board with updates and events going on within the City of Aberdeen. Ms. Robbins shared pictures of the Mural that was done by Cheyenne Renee. The Mural is located on the back side of the Elkin Theatre. Ms. Robbins shared with the Board that Aberdeen Visitor's Bureau was awarded the Community Development Grant. The grant was valued at \$5,000.00 (\$2,500.00 -- 50/50 Match for Improvements to the following: Privacy Screen Fencing Project: Sheriff's Training Academy Landscaping Project and Sarah Pugh Park on Commerce / Matubba Streets. Ms. Robbins asked the Board to approve the City's New Logo.

Mayor Stevens invited Mrs. Kathy Seymour to the Board Meeting to update the Board on the status of the Second Neuberger Library and the M & O Depot. Mrs. Seymour asked the Board for permission to set up two accounts for donations for the M & O Depot and the Second Neuberger Library, to accept the \$10,000.00 grant from South Monroe County Community Fund, accept the Bid for the ductwork at the M & O Depot from Kline Mechanical Systems, and permission to have Sam Krusee of Belinda Stewart Architects to advertise for Bids on the carpentry work at the M & O Depot. Former Mayor Charles Scott addressed the Board on how important it is to accept all grant opportunities given to the City of Aberdeen and try your very best not to let any Grants be returned or rejected for any reason. Mrs. Seymour thanked everyone for coming to the Open House at the Second Neuberger Library.

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Aldermen/Aldерwoman Input

Alderman Holliday: Alderman Holliday stated Public Works and Electric Departments have been cutting branches and picking up debris throughout the city. Alderman Holliday stated that pipes need to be changed in the city, and this issue may cause high and low pressure to the water. Alderman Holliday asked that everyone be patient during this time, and if citizens have any issues or concerns in their Ward with debris, leaves, etc. please give General Manager Richard Caradine a call. Alderman Holliday asked that everyone enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday, please be safe and welcome the newcomers to the City of Aberdeen.

Aldерwoman Moore: Alderwoman Moore inquired about Officer Dewayne Ealy and the loss he encountered in a house fire about three weeks ago and why it hasn't been shared with the Board. Chief Shumpert was asked to talk with Officer Ealy and report back to the Board. Alderwoman Moore has received complaints about dogs running loose in the city and asked Mayor Stevens to discuss this concern with Animal Control Supervisor Pedro Clay. Alderwoman Moore will share information at the Planning Session regarding the Disaster Training she attended in Biloxi, MS. Alderwoman Moore inquired about some Storm Shelters and inviting everyone to come and eat with Men of Vision at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, November 23. 2025 from 1:00PM-3:00PM.

Alderman Ivory: Alderman Ivory stated the Board is no greater than the employees that work for the city. Alderman Ivory thanked Mr. Caradine for doing a great job in the city. Alderman Ivory stated the city is moving forward in the right direction with the Port, Library and the Playground at Neuburger Park. Alderman Ivory asked that everyone continue to pray and pull together.

Alderman Belle: Alderman Belle applauded the Public Works Department on the compliments received from out-of-town people visiting Aberdeen on how good the city looks, especially in Ward Four. Alderman Belle shared with the Board the email he received about the Jack Campbell Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will support Monroe County students and residents pursuing skilled trade or workforce training programs, especially those who may not qualify for traditional academic scholarships but are eager to build strong, in-demand careers.

Deadline to apply: February 1, 2026. Scholarships will be paid directly to the educational or training program. Apply Here: <https://form.jotform.com/250964948927173>
More information is also available at: gomonroe.org/education under the Jack Campbell Memorial Scholarship tab. Applications open today!

Eligible applicants must submit:

- Completed application
- 250–500-word essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Proof of enrollment, acceptance, or intent for a skilled trade or technical program

Alderman Belle asked that all departments in the city be proactive and ready for the inclement weather in the Winter months.

Alderman Cain: Alderman Cain bragged on the Police, Electric and Public Works Department on the excellent job they're doing in keeping the city safe and clean. Alderman Cain stated that several people will be in Aberdeen for the Thanksgiving Holiday and asking everyone to watch out for one another and be safe.

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Citizen Input (2 minutes)

Mr. Albert Barker inquired about the Aberdeen School District, the work on Vine Street and the spending of money on jobs within the city.

Mrs. Toni Rodgers inquired about trees of neighbors damaging their property

Ms. Joyce Vasser thanked everyone for donating to the St. Jude Bowl-A-Thon and still accepting donations.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to enter in Closed Determination to ascertain whether if we need to go into Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to come out of Closed Determination. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation Issues involving Charles Scott and the Letter of Representation and Letter of Preservation from Sims & Sims Attorney at Law. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

The Mayor and Board announced to the public that the Board was entering into an Executive Session to discuss Litigation Issues involving Charles Scott and the Letter of Representation and Letter of Preservation from Sims & Sims Attorney at Law.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to come out of Executive Session. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday seconded by Alderman Belle to adjourn until the December 1, 2025, Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

Attest:


Melissa Moore, Master Municipal Clerk


Johnny Dwight Stevens, Mayor