

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM**

**April 21, 2026**

**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 Jeremy Belle

Present on the telephone: City Attorney Walter H. Zinn, Jr (5:00PM-5:35PM)

**ROLL CALL**

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the agenda in its form, and its form only. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the Board Minutes dated April 7, 2026, with the necessary corrections. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to approve the Special Called Board Minutes dated April 10, 2026. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to TABLE the Special Called Board Minutes dated April 13, 2026. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to change the Purchase Requisition approval amount for the Aberdeen Visitor’s Bureau from \$1,000.00 back to \$5,000.00. 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 Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to TABLE Agenda Line Items 5C, 5D, 5E, and 5F. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the refund for a Sewer Street Repair in the amount of \$200.00 for Ms. Willie M. Sims. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve the \$5,000.00 match donation for the 2026 Aberdeen Blue and White Festival from Aberdeen Electric Department per General Manager Lamarcus Thompson. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Reverse Auction for the TA60 Boom Bucket Truck for Aberdeen Electric Department, and Central Bidding will be handling the Reverse Auction. On a roll call vote, all present voted, “Aye”.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the lowest Bid from Carl Hogan Automotive, Inc., Columbus, MS for the 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 for the Aberdeen Electric Department in the amount of \$45,034.75. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to approve the hiring of Brayden Wagenigen as a full-time Fireman at the Aberdeen Fire Department at a rate of pay of \$11.00 per hour. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to TABLE Agenda Line Items 9 & 10. On a roll call vote, all present voted "Aye".

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Pedro Clay to attend the Mississippi Association and Code Enforcement 2026 Summer Conference, Biloxi, MS/ August 11-14, 2026/ Registration Fee: \$200.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Fernando Davis and Terry Morgan to attend the 2026 NRPA Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA / September 29-October 1, 2026 / Registration Fee: \$795.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Shelia James to attend the Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk Association Annual Summer Conference, Biloxi, MS/ July 1-2, 2026/ Registration Fee: \$50.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Roy Haynes to attend the Mississippi Association and Code Enforcement 2026 Summer Conference, Biloxi, MS/ August 11-14, 2026/ Registration Fee: \$200.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve Employee Enhancement and pay all necessary charges according to state guidelines for Roy Haynes to attend the 2026 Annual Floodplain Managers of Mississippi Annual Conference, Bay St. Louis, MS// May 12-14, 2026/ Registration Fee: \$195.00. On a roll call vote, all present voted, "Aye"

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve the FINAL RESOLUTION GRANTING EXEMPTION from AD VALOREM TAXES to Westlake Chemicals & Vinyl, LLC (FKA Axiall, LLC) in the amount of \$3,030,296.00 from January 1, 2026, and expiring December 31, 2035. 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 Belle, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the Bid from A. Huggins, Aberdeen, MS for the removal and relay new pipes on Pullen Lake Road in the amount of \$13,500.00. On a roll call vote, Alderman Holliday, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory and Alderman Belle voted, "Aye". Alderman Cain voted "Nay".

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Holliday to change the Purchase Requisition approval amount for the Aberdeen Electric Department from \$1,000.00 back to \$5,000.00. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle and Alderman Cain voted, "Aye". Alderman Holliday voted "Nay".

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### Mayor's Report

Mayor Stevens invited Aberdeen Visitor's Bureau Director Ms. Tina Robbins to the Board Meeting to share any updates and events going on in the City of Aberdeen.

1. Burger Bash / April 25, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
2. National Trail Day / April 25, 2026
3. Ward 5 Meeting / April 30, 2026 @ 5:30 PM
4. Aberdeen Church of Christ Fish Fry / May 3, 2026
5. Aberdeen Main Street Dinner to Go / May 7, 2026
6. Ward 4 Cleanup Day / May 9, 2026 @ 7:00 AM

Ms. Robbins asked the Board to increase her purchase order and requisitions amounts to keep from losing the remaining money given in ARPA Funds. Ms. Robbins gave an amount of \$20,000.00. Alderman Cain stated the Board will consider increasing the spending amount from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00.

Mayor Stevens asked City Administrator Mrs. Teresa Baker-Young to share with the Board the projects she has been working on for the City of Aberdeen. Mrs. Baker-Young attended the Worker's Compensation Training, Starkville, MS, and had meetings with Public Works Director Tohona Larthridge, City Inspector Roy Haynes, and Park and Recreation Secretary Akela McNairy. Mrs. Baker-Young introduced Mr. Hayes Dent and Mr. Artie Armstrong to share ideas with the Board on how they can help bring Government Relations, Lobbying and Public Affairs to the City of Aberdeen.

Mayor Stevens invited Mrs. Toni Reece to the meeting to share her concerns about the abandoned property in the city and how they can be adjudicated and cleared up so prospective buyers can purchase the property. Mrs. Reece asked Mayor Stevens why the Holley Building hasn't been sold.

Mayor Stevens invited City Inspector / Code Enforcer Roy Haynes to the Board Meeting to share with the Board his duties and responsibilities of his job. Mr. Haynes explained the Adjudication process to the Board. Mr. Haynes provided MS Statue 21-19-11.

### Aldermen/Aldерwoman Input

**Alderman Holliday:** Alderman Holliday invited School Resource Officers Christopher Dobbins and Lee Johnson to the Board Meeting to share their ideas and plans about the Aberdeen School District. Alderman Holliday stated the departments are in all Wards cutting and trimming grass and branches so the city will be beautiful for the summer months. Alderman Holliday stated the city is trying to hire more manpower to help with the extra load of work in the Street Department. Please keep an eye on the elderly and youth of the communities, and please call City Hall and your local authorities if you notice anything strange or unusual. Alderman Holliday asking residents to please give him a call if you're needing help in the community.

**Aldерwoman Moore:** Aldерwoman Moore shared with the Board that she received several complaints about Monroe County Solid Waste not picking up the garbage in neighborhoods, especially in Ward Two. Aldерwoman Moore asked Mayor Stevens to please call Monroe County Solid Waste and address this issue. Aldерwoman Moore reminded everyone about the Blue and White Festival in June and asking business owners to please extend your business hours to receive the people visiting the city on the weekend of the festival.

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**Alderman Ivory:** Alderman Ivory commended and thanked the Street and Water Department on the hard work their doing in the city, especially being understaffed.

**Alderman Belle:** Alderman Belle asked Ms. Tohona Larthridge about the No Parking signs for Walters Drive. Ms. Larthridge stated the company is behind on the ordering, and she's hoping they will arrive soon. Alderman Belle reiterated about the Cleanup in Ward Four on May 9, 2026, beginning at 7:00 AM. Everyone is asked to meet at the Lift Building on Highway 145A. Alderman Belle stated he has received several calls about the culverts and trees in Ward Four. Alderman Belle briefly explained to everyone that if the trees are not in the right-of-way, the city cannot cut the tree. Alderman Belle spoke about the Bids for the work needed on Pullen Drive.

**Alderman Cain:** Alderman Cain expressed his concern about the speeding and racing in the city, and the fear of someone getting hurt or killed. Alderman Cain asked Assistant Chief of Police Kelly Drake to please have the police officers to patrol the city. Alderman Cain emphasized the 2026 Aberdeen Blue and White Festival and would love for everyone to please come and support the festival and enjoy the good food and entertainment. Alderman Cain reiterated the Ward Five Meeting on April 30, 2026 @ 5:30 PM, and it will be held at the Aberdeen Electric Department. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Citizen Input (2 minutes)

Mr. Pedro Clay had questions regarding Privilege License for a Non-Profit Organization.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues concerning the Aberdeen School District School Resource Officers Christopher Dobbins and Lee Johnson and the Aberdeen School District School Resource Officer Contract, and decide on Governmental Relations, Lobbying and Public Affairs with the City of Aberdeen with Hayes Dent Public Strategies. 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 personnel issues concerning the Aberdeen School District School Resource Officers Christopher Dobbins and Lee Johnson and the Aberdeen School District School Resource Officer Contract, and decide on Governmental Relations, Lobbying and Public Affairs with the City of Aberdeen with Hayes Dent Public Strategies.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to come out of Executive Session. 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 to Ground Pounders, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Right-of-Way Tree Trimming for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye” and Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Holliday to approve the refund to Melissa Moore in the amount of \$50.59 for the purchase of six USB 2.0 Flash Drives. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve to pay City Attorney Walter H. Zinn, Jr. invoice in the amount of \$3,210.00 for dates April 7-21, 2026. 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 Monroe County Cooperative, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$1,850.00 for the Bush Hog Cutter for the Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye” and Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Raborn Media, LLC, Madison, MS in the amount of \$2,792.00 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 to Allmond Printing, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$3,962.50 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 to U.M.S., New Iberia, LA in the amount of \$2,846.60 for the Transformer Cooling Fan and Installation and Repair Field Tech for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to U.M.S., New Iberia, LA in the amount of \$3,210.00 for the Senior Field Tech, Overnight Lodging and Vehicle Mileage for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$2,055.00 for LED Lights for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$3,300.00 for supplies for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$3,097.20 for supplies for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

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A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$2,629.80 for Meter Sockets for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$4,120.30 for Spool of #2 Wire for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$1,753.20 for CT Meter Boxes for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$1,360.00 for supplies for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$1,275.00 for supplies for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Irby, Jackson, MS in the amount of \$4,058.75 for LED Lights and supplies for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderwoman Moore to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 21, 2026, EXCLUDING any expenses paid by Cadence Bank. 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 Alderwoman Moore to pay all bills submitted by proper vendors as recorded on the Docket of Claims dated April 21, 2026, INCLUDING any expenses paid by Cadence Bank. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, and Alderman Cain voted “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”. Alderman Belle “Recused” from meeting at 7:43pm and returned at 7:44pm.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve the Purchase Requisition to Holloway’s Body Shop, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$5,643.49 supplies for the 2021 Ford Explorer for parts and labor for the City of Aberdeen Police Department. On a roll call vote, Alderwoman Moore, Alderman Ivory, Alderman Belle, and Alderman Cain “Aye”. Alderman Holliday voted “Nay”.

A motion was made by Alderman Cain, seconded by Alderman Ivory to approve and pay the Commercial Mosquito Management Agreement from James Pest Management, Aberdeen, MS in the amount of \$15,480.00 for the months April 2026 – October 2026. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

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A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Cain to approve to re-post and re-advertise for an Engineer for the proposed 2026 CDBG Sewer Project for two weeks in a 200-mile radius No vote was taken. Alderman Holliday “Retracted” his Motion, and Alderman Cain “Retracted” his Seconded.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Moore, seconded by Alderman Cain to make a deposit payment to Le’Keven Brown on behalf of the Souls of Blues in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2026 Blue & White Festival coming out the City of Aberdeen 2026 Blue & White Festival Account. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Moore, seconded by Alderman Belle to make a deposit payment to Fields Country Strong Security in the amount of \$300.00 for the 2026 Blue & White Festival coming out the City of Aberdeen 2026 Blue & White Festival Account. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Moore, seconded by Alderman Belle to make a deposit payment to Reel A/Vent in the amount of \$200.00 for the 2026 Blue & White Festival coming out the City of Aberdeen 2026 Blue & White Festival Account. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Cain to make a deposit payment to D. J. Richard “Love Bone” Cousin in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2026 Blue & White Festival coming out the City of Aberdeen 2026 Blue & White Festival Account. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.


A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve Purchase Requisition No. 047430 for Irby, Jackson, MS that was approved on Board Minutes, March 3, 2026, in the amount of \$1,338.00 for copper sleeves and clamps for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Holliday, seconded by Alderman Belle to approve Purchase Requisition No. 047432 for Irby, Jackson, MS that was Motioned, but no vote on Board Minutes, March 3, 2026, in the amount of \$4,383.00 for CT Meter Base Boxes for the City of Aberdeen Electric Department. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

A motion was made by Alderman Belle, seconded by Alderman Cain to adjourn until the May 5, 2026, Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, all present voted “Aye”.

Attest:

  
Melissa Moore, Master Municipal Clerk

  
Johnny Dwight Stevens, Mayor