

Meeting Minutes

Sawmills Town Council Meeting Sawmills Town Hall

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:00 PM



1. Call to Order

Mayor Keith Warren called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

2. Invocation

Pastor Nicky Waters with Poovey's Chapel Baptist Church provided the invocation for those in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

CCSO SRO Chris Anders led the Pledge of Allegiance for those in attendance.

4. Agenda Adoption

Councilwoman Curtis made the motion to adopt the agenda. With a second from Councilman Mosteller the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. January 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Councilman Wilson made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. With a second from Councilwoman Johnson the motion carried unanimously.

b. January 20, 2026, Closed Session Minutes

Councilman Mosteller made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. With a second from Councilman Wilson the motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment

There were no individuals signed up for public comment.

7. Items for Decision

a. Clay Wilson- Mayor Pro-Tem

Councilwoman Johnson made the motion to appoint Councilman Wilson as Mayor Pro-Tem. With a second from Councilman Mosteller, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Ratify State of Emergency for Winter Storm Fern

Councilwoman Curtis made the motion to ratify the State of Emergency for Winter Storm Fern. With a second from Councilwoman Johnson, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution Affirming the Town of Sawmills Council's Support Regarding Implementation of a Compliant NPDES MS4 Stormwater Program

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps came to the podium to explain the resolution in reference to the renewal of the Town's Stormwater Program Contract.

Councilman Wilson made the motion to approve the resolution. With a second from Councilwoman Johnson, the motion carried unanimously.

d. Reappointment of Planning Board Members- J. Lynn Crump & Jimmy Baldwin

Councilman Wilson made the motion to reappoint the Planning Board members as presented. With a second from Councilman Mosteller, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Finance

a. December Quarterly Financial Report

Finance Officer Kelly Melton came to the podium to provide the Council with the quarterly financial report.

9. Manager Updates/ Recommendations

Town Manager Chase Winebarger provided the Council with updates. These updates included the Timberkings not returning due to the team disbanding, Jimmy Wilson was hired as the Fire Chief, and there has been a selection made for the HR director.

Public Works is requesting a change for on call. The request is a \$100 flat rate for on call pay and then hourly pay on top of that for call response. There was a discussion regarding whether this change would also include any overtime accumulated. Councilwoman Johnson made the motion to approve this request. With a second from Councilman Wilson the motion passed unanimously.

10. Clerk Updates

Town Clerk Abby Rich informed the Council both the Civic Clerk and website projects are proceeding as scheduled. Additionally, there was a great response to Facebook notifications for Winter Storm Fern.

11. Council Updates/Recommendations

The Council thanked community members for attending.

12. Closed Session §143-318.11(a)(3)(4) & (6)

Councilman Wilson made the motion to enter closed session pursuant to §143-318.11(a)(3)(4) & (6). With a second from Councilwoman Johnson, the motion carried unanimously.

13. Return to Open Session

The Council discussed whether to continue contracting with Republic Services for recycling pick up.

There was a brief discussion regarding the railroad and the 321-A waterline.

14. Adjourn

With there being no more business to attend to, Councilman Wilson made the motion to adjourn at 8:32 PM. With a second from Councilwoman Johnson, the motion carried unanimously.

Adopted this the 17 day of March 2026.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Attest:

Abby Rich, Town Clerk