

**MINUTES**  
**Special Called Town Council Meeting**  
**January 2, 2026 – 2:00pm**

Council Attendance: Mayor Robert Martin, Councilmembers: Chad Hawkins, Mike Hawkins and McKeva Kinard-Shelton.

Administrative Attendance: Karen Livingston, Town Administrator; Michelle Wise, Clerk Treasurer; Wesley Palmore, Police Chief and Jennifer Nichols, Town Attorney.

Councilman Chad Hawkins called the Special Called Meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Reverend David Adams to open with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Swearing in of Mayor Robert Martin:** Mayor Martin asked Judge Barry Koon to swear him in. The Oath of Office was presented and Mayor Martin recited the Oath as his wife Sheila held the Bible.

**Swearing in of Councilmember McKeva Kinard-Shelton:** Mayor Martin asked Councilmember McKeva Kinard-Shelton to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Councilmember McKeva Kinard-Shelton recited the Oath as Reverend Dr. Maxine Sumpter held the Bible.

**Swearing in of Councilmember Mike Hawkins:** Mayor Martin asked Councilmember Mike Hawkins to come forward. The Oath of Office was presented and Councilmember Mike Hawkins recited the Oath as his wife Andy held the Bible.

Mayor Martin, Councilmember Mike Hawkins and Councilmember McKeva Kinard-Shelton shared some remarks at the end of the meeting and adjourned to a reception at the Depot.

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:30p.m.

Michelle Wise Michelle Wise, Clerk/Treasurer