

Town of Mount Olive
February 9, 2026
Non-Action Meeting
Minutes

Mayor Jerome Newton called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. The meeting location was the Town Hall Conference Room. Those in attendance per roll call were Mayor Pro-Tempore Delreese Simmons, Commissioner Vicky Darden, Commissioner CJ Weaver, Commissioner Harlie Carmichael, Commissioner Gena Knode and Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis.

Mayor Jerome Newton called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jerome Newton read the Conflict-of-Interest Statement; there were no conflicts.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to approve the published agenda. Commissioner Vicky Darden made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Gena Knode seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Jerome Newton then requested a motion to go into **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS SEC. 143-318.11 (*Motion/Second-Roll Call)**

- (a) 6: To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting. G.S. 143-318.11

Commissioner C.J. Weaver made the motion to go into Closed Session. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Town Clerk Sherry Davis was not present during the closed session. The mayor and board of commissioners reviewed contracts for the Town Clerk, Town Manager and Town Attorney. The meeting lasted approximately one and a half hours.

Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to return to open session. Commissioner Gena Knode made the motion to return to open session. Commissioner Harlie Carmicheal seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

No action was taken. Mayor Jerome Newton requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vicky Darden made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gena Knode seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerome Newton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk