

Ulmer Byrd
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Susan B. Smith
CITY CLERK

BE IT REMEMBERED that there was begun and held a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, February 18, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	W. H. Clearman Mitchell Curry George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr.
City Attorney	Thomas W. Tyner
Others Present	Larry Rumsey Terry Steed James Parker George Meeks Ed Watts Robert Russell G. E. Crocker Jackie Keys

Mayor Byrd then declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

The invocation was led by Alderman, A. L. Henderson, Jr.

The minutes of the meeting held February 3, 1975, were read by Susan B. Smith. The motion to adopt as read was made by Alderman, Mitchell Curry and seconded by Alderman, A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Terry Steed, representative from the Fire Department, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Steed requested the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to consider adopting an ordinance controlling brush fires at night and an ordinance controlling the traffic during a fire alarm. Mr. Steed stated these Ordinances would be of great assistance to the Fire Department's efficiency and also for the public's welfare.

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

THEREUPON, Mayor Byrd stated that he and the Board of Aldermen would take this matter under advisement, and in the meantime the Police Department would do its best to assist the Fire Department in any manner.

Mr. James Parker addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a report from the Planning Committee. Mr. Parker stated that an Ordinance is now being prepared that will pertain to the zoning regulations. He also stated that the maps for the City of Petal should be ready soon. Mr. Parker said that there were three maps in all, and that they were different sizes. He stated that the community block grant has finally gotten under way. This grant will be submitted for a total amount of \$380,000.00. He said the City of Petal would try to work on the following activities: (1) Clearance of Vacant Dilapidated Structures; (2) Housing Code Enforcement Program; (3) Neighborhood Parks; (4) Planning and Administration; (5) Street Improvements; (6) Drainage Improvements; (7) Bridge Construction; (8) Purchase of Utility District; (9) Sewer Extensions; (10) Installation of Fire Hydrants; (11) Demolition of Ground Level Water Storage Facility; (12) Feasibility Study, Preliminary Plans, and Cost Estimates on Sewer Extensions to Beverly Hills Subdivision. Mr. Parker stated that the application would have to be submitted by the first of March. Mr. Parker extended an invitation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to attend a Seminar held on the Gulf Coast. This Seminar is to be sponsored by Southern Planning.

George Meeks then addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the dog problem in the City of Petal. Thomas W. Tyner stated he had the City of Hattiesburg's Dog Ordinance and said he would look over it for ideas for Petal's ordinance. Mr. Ed Watts also stated that the dog problem was very bad around his house as there had been fifteen dogs around his neighborhood for three weeks. Mr. G. E. Crocker stated that the dogs barked at his wife's window every night and as she was in bad health she could not stand this. He asked Chief Garwood and his men to talk to the owners of these animals and see what could be done.

Mr. Thomas W. Tyner presented an Order calling for a special election for an Alderman from Ward Two in the City of Petal, Mississippi; the Order read as follows, to-wit:

O R D E R

ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi that a special election shall be held within the City of Petal, Mississippi for the election of an Alderman for Ward 2; and

WHEREAS, Charles Zollie Stevens, Alderman of Ward 2 of the City of Petal, Mississippi has resigned as Alderman of Ward 2 of the City of Petal, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the unexpired portion of the term of said Charles Zollie Stevens exceeds six months;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

SO ORDERED, that a special election is hereby called on Tuesday, April 1, 1975, within the City of Petal, Mississippi for the purpose of electing an Alderman for Ward 2 in the City of

Petal, Mississippi, and

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

electors of this city are entitled to vote in the said special election, and

SO ORDERED, the said special election will be held at the following polling places within the City of Petal, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit:

Ward I	Petal High School Old Richton Road
Ward II	Petal High School Old Richton Road
Ward III	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive
Ward IV	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive

The polls of said election will be open at the hour of 7:00 o'clock in the morning and will be kept open until the hour of 6:00 o'clock in the evening of the aforesaid date and the said election shall be hold and conducted, as far as practicable in accordance with laws regulating special elections in the State of Mississippi and the City of Petal, Mississippi; and

SO ORDERED that the City Clerk shall cause notice of said election to be published not less than 30 days prior to such election.

SO ORDERED that the Clerk of said City of Petal, Mississippi, shall give not less than 30 days notice of said special election by posting notice thereof in three (3) public places within the municipality, and by publication in some newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Petal, Mississippi, and qualified under Chapter 427 of Laws of Mississippi, 1948. The said notice shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks. The said notice shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN
WARD II
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Petal, Mississippi, that a special election will be held in the said City of Petal, Mississippi, on Tuesday, April 1, 1975, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the said City the election of an Alderman for Ward 2 of the said City of Petal, Mississippi.

The said election will be held in the following polling places within the said City of Petal, Mississippi.

WARD I	Petal High School Old Richton Road
WARD II	Petal High School Old Richton Road
WARD III	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive
WARD IV	W. L. Smith Elementary 400 Hill Crest Drive

The polls of said election will be opened at the hour of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will be kept open until the hour of 6:00 o'clock P.M. of the aforesaid date, and the said

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

far as practicable in accordance with the laws regulating special elections in the State of Mississippi and in the City of Petal, Mississippi

All qualified electors of the said City of Petal, Mississippi, will be entitled to vote in the said election.

By Order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, this 18th day of February, 1975.

SUSAN B. SMITH - CITY CLERK

SO ORDERED that the said special election shall be held and conducted by the Election Commissioners within and for the City of Petal, Mississippi, and shall be conducted as far as practicable in accordance with the laws regulating special elections in the State of Mississippi, and in the City of Petal, Mississippi. When the said Election Commissioners shall have received the returns of said election and ascertained the results thereof, they shall after having canvassed the same, forthwith make return thereof to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a report setting forth their actions in the holding of said elections and the results thereof.

SO ORDERED Election Commissioner, Lesley Lee, is hereby appointed to have the ballots printed. The said ballots to be used at said special election shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1975
FOR ALDERMAN, WARD NUMBER 2
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

_____ ()
_____ ()
_____ ()

(Place a cross (x) or check mark (✓) opposite your choice on the ballot.)

On the reverse side of each ballot there shall be printed substantially the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION FOR ALDERMAN, WARD 2
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1975

SO ORDERED that the City Clerk be and the said clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a true and correct copy of this order and to certify the same to the Election Commissioners within and for the City of Petal, Mississippi, as and for their warrant and authority for the holding of said election as herein

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

provided and as required by the Laws of the State of Mississippi.

SO ORDERED the City of Petal has heretofore designated as Election Commissioners for the City of Petal, Mississippi, the following: Lesley Lee, Bill Blackwell, and Bill Bullock and their appointment and tenure of office is hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed for the purpose of holding this election.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 18th day of February, 1975.

/s/ Ulmer Byrd
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Susan B. Smith
CITY CLERK

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. made a motion to adopt the Order calling for a special election; the motion was seconded by Alderman Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mr. Thomas W. Tyner stated to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that no provision was made in the aforesaid mentioned order in the event a run-off election should become necessary. It now becomes necessary and proper to amend the aforesaid mentioned order for holding a run-off election. Mr. Thomas W. Tyner presented the following order to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1975, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi ordered a special election to be held within the City of Petal, Mississippi, for the election of an Alderman for Ward 2, and;

WHEREAS, no provision was made in that Order for a run-off election in the event one should become necessary and it now becomes necessary and proper to amend the aforesaid mentioned Order to provide for the holding of a run-off election, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, that the above described Order heretofore adopted on February 18, 1975, providing and calling for a special election to be held with-

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

for Ward 2 be amended by adding the following and shall read as follows, to-wit;

ORDERED that if no candidate should receive a majority of the votes cast at such election and that it should become necessary to hold a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, such run-off election shall be held two weeks later on Tuesday, April 15, 1975.

SO BE IT ORDERED that all of the other provisions of the said Order heretofore adopted on February 18, 1975, be and the same are hereby confirmed and ratified.

The above and foregoing Order was introduced in writing by Alderman George B. Draughn, and duly seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman, and was thereupon adopted and the result being as follows, to-wit;

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

This Order having received the affirmative vote of all of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor declared the Order unanimously adopted this February 18, 1975.

/s/ Ulmer Byrd
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Susan B. Smith
SUSAN B. SMITH, CITY CLERK

There next came on for consideration by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the request of Mississippi Power Company for the enactment of an ordinance granting an electric franchise to Mississippi Power Company for a period of twenty-five (25) years, and after due consideration thereof the adoption of the following order was moved by Alderman George B. Draughn, and seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr:

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF
PROPOSED ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 1975-(16)

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Power Company has requested the City of Petal, Forrest County, Mississippi, to cause a franchise to be issued to it for a period of twenty-five (25) years, which proposed ordinance would provide for the payment to the City of Petal, Mississippi, a sum equal to the greater of three percent (3%) of total revenue from retail sales of electric energy within the City of Petal, Mississippi, or \$300.00 per annum, according to the terms and conditions of the proposed franchise ordinance; and

WHEREAS, said proposed ordinance was introduced in

Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi, in the following form:

ORDINANCE 1975 - (16)

AN ORDINANCE
GRANTING AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TO
MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
IN THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, herein called "governing body", of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SECTION 1. In consideration of the benefits that will accrue to the City of Petal, Mississippi, and the inhabitants thereof, (herein called "Municipality"), and of the payment by Mississippi Power Company (herein called "Grantee") to the Municipality of a sum of money equal to three percentum (3%) per year of the total revenue of the Grantee from the sales of electric energy, excepting therefrom sales for resale and sales in interchange of energy with others, within the corporate limits of the Municipality, or the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per year, whichever is the greater, payable quarterly on or before thirty days following the close of each calendar quarter during such period as the Grantee operates in said Municipality, but not to exceed twenty-five years from the effective date of this Ordinance, Municipality does hereby grant to and vest in the Grantee, its successors and assigns, the right authority, easement, privilege and franchise to construct, erect, suspend, install, renew, repair, maintain, operate and conduct in the Municipality as it now exists or may hereafter be extended, a plant or plants and system for the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy for all purposes whatsoever.

SECTION 2. Municipality does hereby give and grant to, and vest in, Grantee, its successors and assigns, the further right, authority, easement, privilege, and franchise to construct, erect, suspend, install, renew, repair, maintain, operate and conduct in the Municipality a system of poles, towers, conduits, cables, conductors, transforming stations, fittings and all appliances or appurtenances necessary or desirable to the transmission, distribution, or sale of electric energy for all purposes whatsoever in, over, under, along, upon and across all streets, avenues, alleys, ways, bridges, and public places in the Municipality as they now exist or may hereafter be laid out or extended, together with the further right, privilege and franchise to construct, erect, suspend, install, renew, repair, maintain and operate such poles, towers, conduits, cables, wires, conductors, transforming stations, fittings and all appliances and appurtenances necessary or desirable to the transmission within, into, through, over, and beyond the Municipality and furnishing, supplying, and distributing to the Municipality and to the inhabitants and corporations both within and beyond the limits thereof, electric energy for lighting, heating, power and

hereafter, and for the purpose of extending its lines and furnishing electric energy beyond the limits of the Municipality.

SECTION 3. The poles, towers, conduits, cables, conductors, transforming stations, fittings, appliances and appurtenances shall be so constructed as not unreasonably to interfere with the proper use of the streets, avenues, alleys, ways, bridges and public places in the Municipality and shall be maintained all in a reasonably good condition and repair.

SECTION 4. Whenever the Grantee shall cause any opening or alteration to be made in any of the streets, avenues, alleys, ways, bridges and public places of the Municipality for the purpose of installing, maintaining, operating, or repairing any poles, towers, conduits, cables and other appliances, the work shall be completed within a reasonable time and the Grantee shall upon the completion of such work restore such portion of the streets, avenues, alleys, ways, bridges or other public places to as good condition as it was before the opening or alteration was so made.

SECTION 5. The Grantee shall hold the Municipality harmless from any and all liability or damages resulting from the negligence of the Grantee in the construction, maintenance or operation of its poles, towers, conduits, wires, cables and other appliances.

SECTION 6. The Grantee may, from time to time, declare make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations as conditions for the sale and distribution by it of electric energy to any person, firm or corporation, not, however, in conflict with or repugnant to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission of Mississippi under the provisions of Chapter 372, Mississippi Laws of 1956, as amended.

SECTION 7. In the event the supply of electric energy shall be interrupted or fail by reason of accident or otherwise, beyond the control of the Grantee, the Grantee shall restore the service within a reasonable time and such interruption shall not constitute a breach of this franchise, nor shall the Grantee be liable for damage by reason of such interruption or failure.

SECTION 8. Wherever in this Ordinance either the Municipality or the Grantee is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successor, successors, or assigns of either, and all rights, privileges, and obligations herein conferred shall bind and inure to the benefit of such successor, successors, or assigns of the Municipality or of the Grantee,

SECTION 9. This franchise is in addition to and supplemental to any and all such rights as the Grantee may have by virtue or the provisions of Chapter 372, Laws of Mississippi of

Grantee shall never be construed as a waiver nor abandonment of nor as a limitation upon the rights now vested in or being exercised by the Grantee under any statute or law of the State of Mississippi. Nor shall the granting of this franchise be construed or operate to abridge, impair, or deny the validly held rights of any other distributor of electric energy within the Municipality or portion thereof, by virtue either of a franchise from the Municipality or a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued pursuant to Chapter 372, Laws of Mississippi of 1956, as amended.

SECTION 10. The rights hereby granted shall become effective upon the passage of this Ordinance and continue for a period of twenty-five (25) years thereafter.

SECTION 11. If any clause, provision or section of this Ordinance is illegal, or is not embraced within the title hereof, or is not cognate to the subject expressed in the title, the remaining provisions hereof shall not be thereby affected but shall have full force and operation.

SECTION 12. The Grantee shall pay the Municipality the cost of publishing this Ordinance according to law and also the cost of holding an election for the approval or disapproval by the qualified electors of the Municipality of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. This Ordinance shall not become effective until it is duly passed by the governing body, published as required by law and approved by a majority vote of qualified electors of the Municipality voting thereon at a special election duly called and held as required by law.

IT IS NOW ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, that the foregoing form of the Ordinance be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi, and remain on file for public inspection for a period of not less than two (2) weeks from and after this date, following which the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will take appropriate action thereon at its next regular meeting to be held on the 4th day of March, 1975, or as soon thereafter as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen may consider the same.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREUPON said Order was unanimously adopted on this 18th day of February, 1975.

Susan B. Smith then read the letters of resignation submitted by Eugene McRee and Kathy Parrett.

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

February 8, 1975

Bruce C. Garwood, Chief
Petal Police Dept.
Petal, Mississippi

Dear Chief Garwood:

Please consider this letter as official notice of my intent to resign from the Petal Police Dept., effective February 15, 1975.

My association with this Department over the past six (6) months has been a most pleasant one and the additional knowledge of Law Enforcement I have gained as a result of this association will, certainly, help me to continue in this field, if desired later.

I would like to thank you for the opportunities you have given me as a Patrolman with your Dept, and will always stand ready to assist you and your Department whenever called upon.

Thank you again for the many considerations you have given me, and again, please consider this letter of resignation effective February 15, 1975.

Yours truly,

Christopher E. McRee

February 14, 1975

Mayor Ulmer Byrd
P. O. Box 564
Petal, Mississippi 39465

Mayor Byrd,

I resign my position as Secretary to Mayor of the City of Petal, effective February 14, 1975. .

Kathy Parrett

THEREUPON Alderman Mitchell Curry made a motion to accept these Letters of Resignation and Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON Thomas W. Tyner read the Order to employ Leonard Murphy with the Petal Police Department; the order read as follows; to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, deem it necessary due to the resignation of Christopher Eugene McRee to appoint an individual to fill the vacated position of one (1) Policeman with the Petal Police Department, and

WHEREAS, due to the fact that the effective date of Christopher Eugene McRee's resignation was February 15, 1975; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen deem it necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace and public welfare the Order shall be retroactive as of February 15, 1975; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the monthly rate of pay for

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

the individual appointed shall be the sum of \$575.00 per month, and to be paid by paying one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the monthly salary on the 15th day of each month and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the monthly salary on the last day of each month, for each month of employment, and to be bonded for the sum of \$1,000.00; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Leonard Murphy, Jr. be and he is hereby appointed as a Policeman for the City of Petal's Police Department, to serve from February 15, 1975, until further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 18th day of February, A.D., 1975.

THEREUPON Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion to adopt the aforesaid Order, the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Susan B. Smith then presented the Monthly Statement with a balance of \$59,593.31 in General Funds as of January 31, 1975.

Thomas W. Tyner stated to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he still had not received a response from the Attorney General requesting information concerning salaries of the Mayor and Aldermen.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyner stated that he had contacted Mr. Robert Sullivan, and Mr. Sullivan stated that he had not contacted the U. S. Attorney of Petal's incorporation. Mr. Tyner stated that since the U. S. Attorney General had not been advised, Mr. Tyner will be required to either file a suit in the U. S. District Court or the City of Petal is to supply answers to a large number of questions propounded by the Attorney General's Office dealing with the City of Petal's incorporation. It was agreed that Mr. Tyner attempt to answer these questions rather than file suit.

Chief Garwood stated that Commercial Communications wanted the Petal Police Department to enter into a maintenance contract with them. He stated that they didn't like to maintain equipment that wasn't on their service contract. Chief Garwood also stated that during his trip to Atlanta, Ga., that he had gotten promises of \$40,000.00 in LEA Funds for use for the Police Department. Chief Garwood also stated his need for a typewriter for the Police Department. Mayor Byrd told Chief Garwood and the Police Committee to get together and work something out.

THEREUPON, Mayor Byrd requested from the Board of Aldermen as to their decision on the typewriter for the Police Department.

THEREUPON, Susan B. Smith read the following Order, to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City

of Petal, Mississippi, have found that due to the increased clerical work in the Police Department, it has become necessary to purchase a typewriter for the Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, IBM is offering to sell to the City of Petal, Mississippi, State Contract Bid Price, one IBM Selectric II typewriter, and,

WHEREAS, the aforesaid IBM Selectric II typewriter can be purchased for the purchase price of \$522.00; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that due to the increased clerical work, an emergency now exists, the Police Chief is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) IBM Selectric typewriter under State Contract Bid Price in the amount of \$522.00.

SO ORDERED on this the 18th day of February, 1975. A.D.

THEREUPON Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion to adopt the aforesaid Order. The motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Chief Garwood stated that he had received an invitation to join the Petal Chamber of Commerce, and wanted to consult with the Board on what their decision would be. Chief Garwood also stated that during a tornado watch, his men would encircle the city to warn people until the watch has been lifted.

Mayor Byrd stated that Susan B. Smith had received a copy of the 1974 assessment roll from Southern Appraisals. He stated that he wanted the Aldermen to drop in during their spare time to look over the tax rolls so they could be familiar with this.

Alderman George B. Draughn stated that he had looked at another plot of land on the Old Richton Road. He stated that this land had a wooded area, a pond, and an area for picnics. Mayor Byrd asked the Aldermen to get together and look over both land sites that are being considered at the present time. Mr. Draughn said that the Board of Aldermen needed to go ahead and decide what land they wanted to purchase so they could let the owners know.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd requested authority from the Board of Aldermen to advertise for bids one (1) new floor cleaning and scrubbing machine and one (1) heavy-duty chain saw.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry made a motion to advertise for bids one (1) new floor cleaning and scrubbing machine for the purpose of scrubbing and polishing floors, and also a heavy-duty chain saw; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

Alderman Mitchell Curry
 Alderman George B. Draughn
 Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

ORDERED BY the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi that the following Notice to Bidders be and the same is approved for publication for the time and in the manner required by law, to-wit:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Petal, Mississippi, until 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 1, for one (1) new heavy-duty chain saw.

Specifications are on file in the City Clerk's office in the City Hall of Petal, Mississippi.

Proposals shall be marked "Sealed Proposal for heavy-duty chain saw."

The City of Petal, Mississippi reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities. Any bid or proposal accepted will be on the bases of the lowest and best bid or proposal.

By: /s/ Susan B. Smith
 Susan B. Smith, City Clerk
 City of Petal, Mississippi

ORDERED BY the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi that the following Notice to Bidders be and the same is approved for publication for the time and in the manner required by law, to-wit:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Petal, Mississippi, until 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 1st, for one (1) new floor cleaning and scrubbing machine for the purpose of scrubbing and polishing floors.


Specifications are on file in the City Clerk's office in the City Hall of Petal, Mississippi.

Proposals shall be marked "Sealed Proposal for floor cleaning and scrubbing machine."

The City of Petal, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities. Any bid or proposal accepted will be on the basis of the lowest and best bid or proposal.


By: /s/ Susan B. Smith
 Susan B. Smith, City Clerk
 City of Petal, Mississippi

There being no further business the meeting was ordered adjourned on this 18th day of February, 1975.


 Ulmer Byrd, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


 Susan B. Smith, City Clerk
 City of Petal, Mississippi

BE IT REMEMBERED, that there was begun and held a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 4, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	W. H. Clearman Mitchell Curry George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr.
City Attorney	Thomas W. Tyner
Others Present	Joe Watts Paul Pounds Mary Pierce Bing Seals M. B. Thornton Jane Prestridge David Ford

Mayor Byrd then declared a quorum was present and declared the City Council in session.

The invocation was led by Coach Paul Pounds.

The minutes of the meeting held February 18, 1975 were read by Susan B. Smith. The motion to adopt as read was made by Alderman Mitchell Curry and seconded by Alderman George B. Draughn.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
 Alderman Mitchell Curry
 Alderman George B. Draughn
 Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mayor Byrd stated that this was the point on the agenda for public comment.

Coach Paul Pounds addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a proposal for the Aldermen to take into consideration for a Pee-Wee football and basketball program. After Coach Pounds presented this proposal, Mayor Byrd stated to Coach Pounds that this year's budget did not have any place for such financial help, but possibly in the new fiscal year budget the City of Petal might be able to help the school promote