

The motion was seconded by Alderman, W. H. Clearman.

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

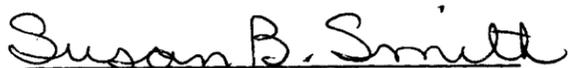
There being no further business the meeting was ordered adjourned, on this, the 7th day of January, 1975.



 MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



 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, January 21, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

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| Mayor | Ulmer Byrd |
| Aldermen | W. H. Clearman Mitchell Curry George B. Draughn |
| City Attorney | Thomas W. Tyner |
| Others Present | Larry Rumsey Bill Sansing Larry Watkins Homer Watkins Percy Scarborough Ernie Harrington Bill Conner Donald Dean Betty Yow |

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

The invocation was led by Alderman, W. H. Clearman.

The minutes of the meeting held January 7, 1975, were read by Susan B. Smith. Alderman, George B. Draughn stated that in the minutes where the Board of Aldermen decided to notify Mr. Singley that a decision on his land would be made by the next Board meeting should be amended to read as; the Board of Aldermen decided to notify Mr. Watkins that a decision on the Singley land site will be made by the

next Board meeting.

THEREUPON Alderman, Mitchell Curry made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman, W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON Mayor Byrd stated that this is the point on the agenda where public comment is requested from concerned citizens.

Bill Conner addressed the City Attorney requesting the legality of REA operating within the city limits. After a lengthy discussion from other citizens present Mr. Tyner stated that he would get in contact with REA's lawyer and discuss with him the rates that are being charged the residents of Petal.

Mayor Byrd stated to the Aldermen that the Police Department was in dire need of additional Patrolmen. Mayor Byrd suggested that an additional man be hired immediately and another man should be hired when the new police car arrives.

THEREUPON Alderman, W. H. Clearman made a motion to hire Howard James Bryant at a monthly salary of \$575.00 as a Policeman with the Petal Police Department with his effective date of employment beginning January 22, 1975, the motion was seconded by Alderman, George B. Draughn.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, deem it necessary to appoint an additional Policeman for the Petal Police Department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the monthly rate of pay for the individual appointed shall be the sum of \$575.00 per month, and to be paid by paying one-half of the monthly salary on the 15th day of each month and one-half 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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Howard James Bryant be and he is hereby appointed as a Policeman for the City of Petal's Police Department, to serve from January 22, 1975, until the 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 21st day of

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THEREUPON Alderman, W. H. Clearman made a motion to hire Leonard Murphy as a patrolmen for the Petal Police Department at a monthly salary of \$575.00 to begin as soon as the city receives the new Police car. The motion was seconded by Alderman, Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Thomas W. Tyner addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that he had discussed with Mr. Graves, Attorney for REA, about the City of Petal granting an electric franchise with the REA. Mr. Tyner said that Mr. Graves would like to consider the matter more thoroughly.

Members of the citizens present addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that REA has increased their rates approximately 50% without notice and that they could not get anyone in the local office to assist them in checking over the previous kilowatt use. After a lengthy discussion Thomas W. Tyner stated that he was not aware of this situation and would discuss this with Mr. Graves the following day.

Chief Garwood addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a cumulative list of traffic control signs that are needed for the City of Petal. Chief Garwood stated that 149 stop signs are needed, 27 yield signs and an undetermined number of street signs. Chief Garwood stated that the City of Petal needed 30 M.P.H. speed signs throughout the city limits except on Carterville Road, and the speed signs in this area should read 35 M.P.H. Chief Garwood also stated that the LEA grant for a juvenile officer for the City of Petal has been turned down because of the LEA cut back in municipal funding. Chief Garwood also stated that the International Association of Chiefs of Police had requested him to join their association.

THEREUPON Alderman, W. H. Clearman made a motion requesting Chief Garwood to join the International Association of Chief's of Police, the motion was seconded by Alderman, Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Dr. Dean addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that the Jaycee's had met last Sunday for the purpose of cleaning and repairing some street signs. Dr. Dean said that these signs will be donated to the City of Petal.

THEREUPON Susan B. Smith presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the monthly report of the funds for the month of January. Mrs. Smith stated that the expenditures of General Funds totaled \$8,602.43. \$15,496.61 was the amount of revenues received for January leaving a balance of \$62,692.39. The Escrow account received \$228.50 making the balance in the Escrow account \$506.00. The

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Fire Fund received interest on the Golden Savings making a total of \$33,838.14 in the Fire Fund. The Disaster and Contingency Fund was inactive.

Mayor Byrd stated that at the last council meeting he had requested that each Alderman submit three names to be considered for appointment to the Municipal Election Commission. Mayor Byrd said that after a careful study of the submitted names he felt that the following three men would be the best qualified: Leslie Lee, Billy R. Blackwell and William E. Bullock.

THEREUPON Alderman, George B. Draughn made a motion to appoint Leslie Lee as chairman of the Election Commission and Billy R. Blackwell as Secretary and William E. Bullock as members to compose the Election Commission for the City of Petal. The motion was seconded by Alderman, Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS the following resolution was presented, to-wit;

RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ELECTION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, to appoint three (3) Election Commissioners who shall have the duties and responsibilities of holding elections within the City of Petal, Mississippi;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following three qualified electors of the City of Petal, Mississippi are hereby appointed as Election Commissioners of the City of Petal, Mississippi, as follows, to-wit;

1. Leslie Lee
2. Billy R. Blackwell
3. William E. Bullock

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Leslie Lee shall be chairman of the aforesaid Election Commission, and he is hereby designated to have printed and distributed the official ballots of all elections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Billy R. Blackwell shall be secretary of the aforesaid Election Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Election Commission shall have all of the rights, duties, and responsibilities as provided by law.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi on this, the 21st day of January, A. D., 1975.

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Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that he would be in Jackson Friday for a briefing on the community development block grant program discretionary funds, and he will brief the Aldermen about this meeting upon his return.

Mayor Byrd also stated that this Sunday, He, Chief Perry, and Robert Russell will be in Cleveland, Mississippi to observe their Fire Department. Mayor Byrd said that Cleveland is considered one of the top Fire Departments in Mississippi. Cleveland's Fire Department is on a volunteer basis and has class six rating.

Mayor Byrd said that the Petal Fire Department is being observed by the Mississippi Rating Bureau. The Rating Bureau designates the class rating of the Fire Department. Mayor Byrd stated that he hoped the City of Petal's Fire Department will retain their class eight status.

Mayor Byrd stated the Ad Valorem taxes assessment rolls will be due in October of 1975. Mayor Byrd said the City of Petal has two options: We can copy the assessment rolls from the county or we can hire an appraisal firm to compile our own assessment rolls. Mayor Byrd stated that Mrs. Smith has contacted Mrs. Adelaide Smith in connection with the county assessment rolls and he would like for the Aldermen to speak with the Representative from Southern Appraisals. He said that before Petal's assessment rolls are compiled the Aldermen should consider every available source for compiling these rolls. Mayor Byrd said that Southern Appraisals has had a great deal of experience with small municipalities. After a lengthy discussion the Board of Aldermen agreed to make an appointment with Southern Appraisals at their convenience next week.

Mayor Byrd spoke to the Aldermen about the possibilities of the City of Petal acquiring a satellite hospital. Mayor Byrd explained to the Aldermen how the satellite hospital would operate. Mayor Byrd stated with the permission of the Aldermen he would establish a meeting between him and Mr. Lowery Woodall, Administrator with Forrest General Hospital to discuss the groundwork.

THEREUPON Alderman, Mitchell Curry made a motion authorizing Mayor Byrd to meet with Mr. Lowery Woodall, the motion was seconded by Alderman, W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Alderman, George B. Draughn addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that he had received a letter from the Petal Recreation Inc., concerning the purchase of a recreational site. Mr. Draughn stated that Petal Recreation, Inc., had anticipated problems concerning this purchase. He and other members of the Board had gotten in contact with the Board of Directors of the Petal Recreation, Inc., and have resolved any confusion of this proposed recreational site.

Dr. Dean and Bill Sansing were the representatives for the Board of Directors of the Petal Recreation, Inc. They stated to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that they were not here in an official capacity, just in mutual assistance. The representatives were basically concerned with how the City of Petal intends to use this land, how the funds are going to be secured and what type of change this would bring as far as Petal Recreation, Inc. is concerned.

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Mayor Byrd stated to the representatives that the City of Petal is trying to obtain financial assistance from the Board of Outdoor Recreation for the financing of an open field type recreational area and also funds for the neighborhood type of recreational facilities. Mayor Byrd said that there have been stakes set out which provide a 100 foot bumper zone between Petal Recreation and the proposed recreational site. Mayor Byrd suggested that the Aldermen take a look at this land and to take into consideration the staked area.

THEREUPON Alderman, Mitchell Curry made a motion for the Aldermen to look at this land and to take into consideration the staked area.

THEREUPON Alderman, Mitchell Curry made a motion for the Aldermen to look over the proposed area, the motion was seconded by Alderman, W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman Mitchell Curry
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

There being no further business the meeting was ordered adjourned on this the 21st day of January, 1975.


MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


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 3, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

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| Mayor | Ulmer Byrd |
| Aldermen | Mitchell Curry George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr. |
| City Attorney | Thomas W. Tyner |
| Others Present | Larry Rumsey Mrs. Mickey Curry Bill Conner Bill Watkins |

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

The invocation was led by Thomas W. Tyner.