

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

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, May 20, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	W. H. Clearman George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr. Charles A. Sumrall
City Attorney	Thomas W. Tyner
Others Present	Larry Rumsey Larry Scott

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 May 6, 1975, were read by Susan B. Smith.

Mayor Byrd stated that in the minutes where it stated "On the street light proposal, the estimated cost would be \$12,477.50. The Highway Department would pay \$5,347.50," it should be changed to read "On the street light proposal, the estimated cost would be \$17,825.00. The Highway Department would pay \$12,477.50, and the City of Petal would pay \$5,347.50."

THEREUPON, Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd presented the Letter of Resignation from Mr. Robert B. Judy. Mayor Byrd stated that this resignation would be effective as of May 31, 1975.

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Honorable
Mayor Ulmer Byrd

Mayor Byrd:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I must resign as Petal's City Building Official.

It is with deep regret that I submit this resignation effective May 31, 1975.

Respectfully,

/s/ Mr. Robert B. Judy

Mayor Byrd then requested the wishes of the Board on Mr. Judy's letter or resignation.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn made a motion to accept Mr. Judy's resignation; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that they had a copy of the monthly statement and for the Board to study the report. Mayor Byrd also stated that if they had any questions, Mrs. Smith would be happy to answer them.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyner stated to the Board of Aldermen that he had received an opinion from the Attorney General's office concerning municipalities entering into contracts for our car radio repair and maintenance. Mr. Tyner said that the reason this opinion had been requested was that Commercial Communications stated to the Police Department that if they entered into a contract with the City, the Police Department cars would be given priority. Mr. Tyner stated that it was up to the City whether or not to enter into such a contract, but if they decided to do so, they would have to advertise for bids on a maintenance contract of this sort.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Byrd stated that the Police Department would continue maintaining the Police car radios as they have been doing in the past.

Mayor Byrd presented to the Board of Aldermen a letter from Mr. Perry Snyder concerning the Bi-Centennial meeting held May 17, 1975. Mayor Byrd stated to the Aldermen that the Bi-Centennial ceremonies were great and the City appreciated all the efforts of the Bi-Centennial committee in making this celebration the success that it was.

Mayor Byrd then presented to the Board of Aldermen the title opinion from Kepper and Leggett on the Jesse Bruce property. Mr. Tyner stated that he thought this title opinion showed that the City would get a clear title to the land.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn made a motion authorizing Mr. Tyner to prepare a promisory note, a deed of trust, and a warranty deed; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Alderman George B. Draughn asked if the City had heard anything from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on the land for the City Park. Mayor Byrd stated that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation said it was too late to do anything about the land this fiscal year, and they could not commit themselves at this time as they are now preparing for the 1975-76 fiscal year. Mayor Byrd stated that he and James Parker from Southern Planning were going to the main office in June and see what could be done.

Mayor Byrd stated that the City had requested the Petal High School and Petal Junior High students to submit their ideas as to a new seal for the City of Petal letterhead. Mayor Byrd presented to the Board the proposed seals that had been submitted.

Mayor Byrd thereupon appointed a committee with Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr., Tom Tyner, and Alderman Charles A. Sumrall, chairman, to take these proposals into consideration and then to report their decision at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Byrd then stated that the City needed to advertise for bids for liability insurance for the City of Petal. Mayor Byrd requested assistance from Mr. Tyner in preparing the specifications for the Notice to Bidders for Liability Insurance for the City of Petal

Mayor Byrd stated that at the last Council Meeting a question arose concerning

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what was to be done on appeal cases from the Municipal Court to the County Court. Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion authorizing Mr. Tyner to handle all appeal cases; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd stated that the City had received a check from Mississippi Power Company in the amount of \$886.67. Mayor Byrd stated that this was Mississippi Power's reimbursement to the City for holding the franchise election of April 1, 1975.

Mayor Byrd then stated that the City was going to proceed with plans for animal control. Mayor Byrd stated that these plans would be finalized by the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Tyner stated to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that several ordinances were needed in order to establish and collect fees for the Building Department. Mr. Tyner said that as soon as the ordinances are prepared and adopted, the Building Department will be completely set up for business.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn made a motion authorizing Mr. Tyner to prepare the necessary ordinances for the Building Department and present them at the next Council Meeting; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that the City had received final approval for the LEA Grant for the purchase of two (2) personal, portable Walkie-Talkies and two (2) single-unit chargers. Federal funds will be \$1,481.55. The City of Petal funding will be \$493.85. The total amount of the Grant is \$1,975.40.

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. made a motion authorizing final disposition of the aforesaid LEA Grant; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. H. Clearman
Alderman George B. Draughn
Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned on this, the 20th day of May, A.D., 1975.


Ulmer Byrd, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

