


## MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd presented to the Board of Aldermen the new stationery that was printed with the new City Seal. Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board as to the acceptance of this stationery.


After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Mr. Curry and Mrs. Smith should make suggestions as to the correction that should be made on the stationery.

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

  
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, November 4, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	Mitchell Curry George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr. Charles A. Sumrall
City Attorney	Thomas W. Tyner
Others Present	Mr. & Mr. R.G. McMillon L. A. Evans Glen Perry Chief Garwood James Parker

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

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

The minutes of the meeting held October 21, 1975, were read by Susan B. Smith.

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to adopt the minutes as read; the motion was seconded by Alderman Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated that the Board was at the point on the Agenda where public comment is encouraged and any of the citizens present and wishing to speak could do so at this time.

WHEREAS, the Mayor recognized Chief Perry. Chief Perry stated to the Mayor and

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Board of Aldermen that two (2) pieces of equipment had been erroneously left out of the specifications for the new fire truck; thereupon, Chief Perry presented the following proposal:

PETAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
WEST EIGHTH AVENUE  
PETAL, MISSISSIPPI 39465

November 4, 1975

Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City Hall  
P. O. Box 564  
Petal, Mississippi 39465

The Petal Fire Department requests the following equipment:

- (1) One 5 x 2½ gated "Y"
- (2) One 2½ x 1½ gated "Y"

The Petal Fire Department requests this equipment as this was omitted on the order for the new fire truck.

A request has also been made in the 1976 budget to purchase Body-Guard P-100 BG turn out pants at the price of \$59.00 per pair. This will be one pair per firemen time that we can afford to purchase these pants.

It has also been recommended by the Petal Fire Department to go ahead with the purchase of the uniforms that has already been discussed previously for the full time firemen.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Glen E. Perry  
Glen E. Perry  
Fire Chief  
Petal Fire Department

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THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to purchase the two (2) pieces of needed equipment from Moosa Equipment Co., Inc., at State Contract Bid Price; the motion was seconded by Alderman Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board concerning Claims' 771-820 in the total amount of \$20,483.04.

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. moved to pay Claims' 771-820; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mr. Tyner reported to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen concerning the Federal District Court decision of holding elections for Aldermen at large. Mr. Tyner stated that an order was entered on July 14, 1975, directing cities to elect Aldermen from

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Mr. Tyner then stated to the Board of Aldermen that if the City of Petal wishes to continue having elections at large they will have to pass an Ordinance authorizing such elections and that after the Ordinance has been passed and published, it would have to be submitted to the U. S. Attorney General's office pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Mr. Tyner stated that the letter from the office of the Attorney General and a copy of the Court Order entered on October 21, 1975, were on file for the review of the Aldermen. Mr. Tyner stated that the Aldermen should make a decision on the method of election of Aldermen in the early part of 1976.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyner presented a Petition from Susan B. Smith, Tax Assessor for the City of Petal, Mississippi. Mr. Tyner stated that the Petition contained the corrections of clerical errors, a deletion of a subdivision that was erroneously included in the City of Petal's city limits. Mr. Tyner also stated that there are two (2) increases to be made to the City of Petal's Real Property Assessment Roll concerning increases in building improvements. Mr. Tyner said that a letter will be sent to each affected taxpayer notifying said taxpayer of the changes, and if the taxpayers have objections to these changes in the Real Property Assessment Roll, said objections, after being filed, will be heard on the 18th day of November.

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board concerning the Petition.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn moved to accept the Petition submitted by the Tax Assessor and to authorize said Assessor to send out letters explaining these corrections and changes to the property owners; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mr. Tyner stated that he had just learned that the City of Petal did not participate in the Social Security Program. Mr. Tyner stated that this was something he thought essential to protect the employees in case an employee was disabled.

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn moved to adopt the following Resolution, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS  
OF ARTICLE I, SENATE BILL NO 273,  
REGULAR SESSION, MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE  
OF 1952, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING  
SOCIAL SECURITY TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES  
OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi:

SECTION 1.

It is hereby declared to be the policy and purpose of the City of Petal, Mississippi, to extend the provisions of Article I, Senate Bill No. 273, Regular Session, Mississippi Legislature of 1952, providing Social

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Petal, Mississippi, in pursuance of said policy, and for that purpose, the officers of the City of Petal, Mississippi, shall take such action as may be required by applicable State or Federal laws or regulations.

SECTION 2.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, are hereby authorized and directed to execute agreement with the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, to secure coverage of eligible employees as provided in Section 1, hereof.

SECTION 3.

Withholdings from salaries or wages of employees for the purpose provided in Section 1 hereof are hereby authorized to be made in the amounts and at such times as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and shall be paid over to the STATE AGENCY in such amounts and at such times as are designated by State laws and regulations.

SECTION 4.

Employer contributions and administrative expense shall be paid to the STATE AGENCY in accordance with applicable State laws and regulations from amounts appropriated for such purposes.

SECTION 5.

The City Clerk of the City of Petal shall maintain such records and submit such reports as may be required by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 6.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Passed this Fourth day of November, A. D., 1975.

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall seconded the adopting of the aforesaid Resolution.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mr. Tyner stated that the Municipal Judge had contacted him concerning one of the cases to be held in Municipal Court and requested that he appear and try this case. Mr. Tyner requested permission from the Board of Alderman to try those cases in which his

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to allow the City Attorney to try those cases in Municipal Court when requested by the Municipal Judge; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Chief Garwood stated that he had compiled a set of specifications for a new mobile home for the City of Petal's Police Department. Chief Garwood stated that the contract on the mobile home they were now using would run out in February.

Chief Garwood stated that a decision had also been reached on the Animal Warden. Chief Garwood stated that Captain John Watts of the Police Reserve should be named as Animal Warden. He stated that there are at least two (2) Reserves on duty twenty-four (24) hours a day and that someone would always be there to take care of the problem. He stated that the salary that was to be paid to the Animal Warden would be deposited by him in the Police Reserve Fund for the use of the Reserves.

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board on the appointment of the Animal Warden.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to appoint Captain Watts as Animal Warden; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd requested that the Board make a decision on the advertising of bids for a mobile home for the Police Department as time for the contract to expire was getting close.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn moved to allow the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the mobile home for the Police Department using specifications approved by the Police Committee; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mr. James Parker of Southern Mississippi Planning and Development stated that HUD was going to start taking pre-applications for Community Development Funds for the 1975-76 fiscal year. After a lengthy discussion concerning the criteria that has to be met in order to receive funds from the Department of HUD, Mayor Byrd requested from Mr. Parker his opinion as to the possibility of the City receiving funds under this grant. Mr. Parker stated that he could not say either yes or no, but the chances were slim since the City of Petal was not considered low income. Mayor Byrd stated that he would be in Jackson, Thursday, November 6, 1975, for a meeting and would then be better informed as to

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afternoon.

THEREUPON, Mr. R. G. McMillon of the Petal Fire Department presented the following proposal for the uniforms for the full-time firemen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS

Aubra Evans

4 Shirts (Two (2) to a package) @ \$17.98 a pkg	\$ 35.96
3 Pants @ 13.99 each	<u>41.97</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77.93

J. D. Ready

4 Shirts (Two (2) to a package) @ \$17.98 a pkg	\$ 35.96
3 Pants @ 13.99 each	<u>41.97</u>
TOTAL	\$ 77.93

R. G. McMillon

4 Shirts (Two (2) to a package) @ \$17.98 a pkg	\$ 35.96
3 Pants @ 16.79 each	<u>50.37</u>
TOTAL	\$ 86.33

TO BE ORDERED FROM LOUIS TAILORING OF HATTIESBURG \$242.19

Three (3) Badges	\$58.71
Three (3) Name Plates	9.96
Six (6) Collar Bars (PFD)	<u>23.88</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 92.55</u>

PATCHES WILL BE "HANDS CLASPING" AND STATING PFD AND FRIENDLY CITY ON BOTTOM

TO BE ORDERED FROM SARGENT-SOWELL, INC.

TOTAL COST OF UNIFORMS AND BADGES \$334.74

Cleaning allowance each month for three (3) men @ \$15.00 per man	<u>\$45.00</u>
ANNUAL TOTAL	<u>\$540.00</u>

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THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to purchase the aforesaid uniforms and badges and to provide the monthly uniform allowance; that the patches would be considered after a patch had been designed and a definite price obtained; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Alderman Sumrall reported to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Police committee had met and suggested that the City of Petal readvertise for bids for the two (2) new police cars as the Police committee has found that all bids exceeded the State Contract Bid Price.

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to authorize the City of Petal to re-advertise for two (2) new police cars and requested that the Notice to Bidders state that all bids received must state that they do not exceed the State Contract Bid Price fixed by

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the Indexed List of Commodities published by the Commission of Budget and Accounting; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Alderman Curry reported to the Board of Aldermen that the and Alderman Draughn had completed their survey concerning the additional street light suggestion submitted to REA. Mr. Curry stated that after this survey was completed, he and Mr. Draughn suggested seven additional lights and the change of location on one light. Mayor Byrd requested that the Aldermen consider the suggestions and the City would submit the same to REA.

Mr. L. A. Evans stated to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that a proposal had been received from Mr. Culpepper on painting and buffing the fire truck. Mayor Byrd stated that three (3) proposals would have to be received before a decision could be made on the painting of the fire truck.

Mayor Byrd stated that the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District was holding a seminar on the Gulf Coast and the Aldermen that were planning to attend should contact the City Clerk before the next Council meeting.

Mayor Byrd stated that a letter had been written to Moosa concerning certain parts that had been left off of the fire truck. Mayor Byrd stated that a reply had been received from Moosa and read the following letter, to-wit:

MOOSA EQUIPMENT CO.  
P.O. BOX 871 EUNICE, LOUISIANA 70535 PHONE 318-457-3381

MESSAGE

REPLY

TO Mayor Ulmer Byrd  
City of Petal  
Petal, Miss. 39465

DATE:

DATE 10-31-75

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of Oct. 29, 1975 Universal Fire Appartus has omitted this on your new Pumper. They will be shipping you these items and you have a body shop replace them and have them invoice Moosa Equipment Co. for the labor. I am very sorry for this and will do my utmost to please you. When you receive the items please return old to Universal Fire Apparatus, Logansport, Indiana collect.

By /s/ Harold Fontenot

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Mayor Byrd stated that the Mississippi Municipal Association was holding a meeting at Jones County Junior College November 18, 1975, and requested that the Aldermen attend as it would be a very beneficial meeting.

Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that the City of Petal had received eight (8) of the eighteen (18) letters submitted to the bond holders giving consent for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the East Forrest Utility District to the City of Petal. Mayor Byrd also stated that there will be a bond attorney's fee submitted in order to obtain the necessary opinion from a bond attorney to satisfy HUD requirements.

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Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to authorize the City of Petal to pay the bond attorney's fee for this opinion; the motion was seconded by Alderman George B. Draughn.

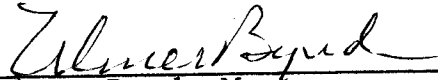
Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman Mitchell Curry  
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 4th day of November, A. D., 1975.

  
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, Mississippi, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 18, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	W. H. Clearman Mitchell Curry A. L. Henderson, Jr.
City Attorney	Thomas W. Tyner
Others Present	Bobby Fennell

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

The invocation was led by Thomas W. Tyner.

The minutes of the meeting held November 4, 1975, were read by Susan B. Smith.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to adopt the minutes as read; the motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Thomas W. Tyner read the following Order approving the Real and Personal Property Assessment Rolls for the City of Petal for 1975.