

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, Mississippi, at 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 7, 1975, at the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present:

Mayor	Ulmer Byrd
Aldermen	W. H. Clearman Mitchell Curry A. L. Henderson, Jr. Charles A. Sumrall

Mayor Byrd declared a quorem was present and declared the City Council in session. The invocation was led by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to recess the meeting of October 7, 1975, until 7:00 P.M., October 9, 1975; the motion was seconded by Alderman Mitchell Curry.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd declared the recessed meeting of October 7, 1975, to order.

The minutes of the meeting held September 16, 1975, and the recessed meeting of September 23, 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 Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

THEREUPON, Mr. Tyner read the letter from Comprehensive Planners, to-wit:

September 24, 1975

The Honorable Ulmer Byrd  
Mayor, Town of Petal  
Petal, Ms.

Dear Mayor Byrd:

A Federal District Court has enjoined Petal from holding further at large elections. A copy of the court order is enclosed for your use.

The request of any city to change its form of election except to nominate and elect from wards of equal population will likely be denied. Such changes in election procedures must be submitted to the Attorney General of the United States for approval under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Comprehensive Planners has had years of experience and has successfully redistricted more than fifty cities and counties. We recommend the necessary ward revisions be made as far in advance of your next scheduled election as possible.

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We are prepared to propose to you possible solutions based on our ability and experience. We would like to discuss this matter with you and your board at any time convenient to you and of course without obligation.

Faithfully,

/s/ Robert B. Hardy  
Robert B. Hardy  
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Thomas W. Tyner  
City Attorney

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WHEREAS, Mr. Tyner stated that since the City of Petal would not have another election until 1977 that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen would have ample time to take under consideration the method of electing the Aldermen, either by Ward or by the whole City.

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyner reported to the Board of Aldermen the outcome of the cases appealed from the Municipal Court to the County Court. Mr. Tyner said that the Court sustained his motion for a Writ of Procedendo on two (2) cases. The charge and fine were reduced in the other case and the defendant pleaded guilty to the reduced charge.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that the City Clerk had not received any petitions challenging the assessments as set out in the Real and Personal Ad Valorem Rolls of the City of Petal. Therefore, the Board of Aldermen would not need to hear and consider any objections.

WHEREAS, Alderman George B. Draughn stated to the Board of Aldermen that Mr. Willie Watkins had contacted him concerning the surveyor's fee for the proposed park site that the City of Petal had been interested in purchasing. Mr. Draughn also stated that the surveying fee amounted to \$115.00 and requested the wishes of the Board as to the payment of this survey.

THEREUPON, Alderman Charles A. Sumrall moved to authorize a Purchase Order for the payment of the surveyor's fee in the amount of \$115.00 when the City of Petal received an invoice from the surveyor; the motion was seconded by Alderman George B. Draughn.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman Mitchell Curry  
Alderman George B. Draughn  
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd stated that a decision on the Claims Docket should be tabled until all Aldermen are present, which should be the meeting of October 21, 1975.

WHEREAS, Alderman Mitchell Curry reported on the group insurance. Mr. Curry stated that he had received a letter from Aetna Life and Casualty concerning the group insurance. The letter reads as follows, to-wit:

AETNA Group Division  
1300 First National Bank Building, P. O. Box 843  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205  
355-0361

CARLTON L. O'KEEFE  
Manager

September 26, 1975

The Mayor and Board of Alderman,  
The City of Petal, Mississippi  
P. O. Box 564  
Petal, Ms. 39465

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Re: City of Petal Group Insurance Policy 116811

Gentlemen:

Recently, there have been some claims filed by your employees for occupational injuries and these claims were denied by our Group Claims Department. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the extent of the group coverages provided by the above named policy.

With regard to the Term Life Insurance coverage, all full-time employees are covered "around the clock" and death benefits will be paid as a result of death for any reason. The total amount of Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment automatically reduces 50% on the first of the calendar month in which an employee attains age 65 unless previously reduced due to retirement. The Term Life will be extended to retirees who have at least 10 years of service with the City and are at least a minimum age 55 at retirement. The retiree's Life Insurance is offered to them on a contributory basis. With regard to the Accidental Death & Dismemberment, all accidents are covered. If an employees dies within a 90 period as a result of injuries sustained from an accident, his beneficiary will receive twice the Life Insurance amount.

With regard to the medical insurance coverage (especially with regard to the \$300 Supplementary Accident feature) employees of the City are covered for non-occupational injuries. It is standard for occupational injuries and accidents to be excluded from coverage by the Group Insurance Industry, since these claims are ordinarily covered by Workman's Compensation coverage.

Should you have any questions with regard to this information, please advise.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. L. Strickland  
J. L. Strickland  
Group Representative

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cc: Mr. Pierce Stevens - Jefferson Standard Life - Hattiesburg  
Mr. Mike Ellis - Group Claims Supervisor - Jackson, Ms.

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WHEREAS, Mr. Draughn stated that he thought the Agenda of the Council meetings should be compiled on the Friday before the Council meeting and mailed to the Aldermen. This way the Aldermen would be in a better position to determine what action should be taken concerning the items on the Agenda.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn moved to compile the Agenda on the Friday before the upcoming Council meeting and to mail the same to the Aldermen; the motion was seconded by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman Mitchell Curry  
Alderman George B. Draughn  
Alderman Charles A. Sumrall

Those present and voting "Nay":


NONE

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned on this, the 9th day of October, A. D., 1975.

  
Ulmer Byrd, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
Susan B. Smith, City Clerk