

## MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

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.

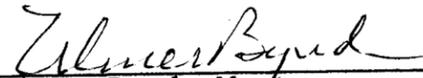
Those present and voting "Aye":

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.

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O R D E R

ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL,  
MISSISSIPPI, APPROVING THE REAL  
AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT  
ROLLS FOR THE CITY OF PETAL,  
MISSISSIPPI FOR THE YEAR 1975,  
AFTER HEARING AND CONSIDERING  
ALL OBJECTIONS AND CORRECTIONS  
TO SAID ROLLS.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Property in said City for the year 1975 have heretofore been prepared, corrected, and revised in the manner authorized and provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said City do further find, determine and adjudge that they have heretofore proceeded to change, correct and equalize the aforesaid Assessments in the manner authorized and provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal do further find, determine and adjudge that they have heretofore completed the equalization, correction and revision of the aforesaid Assessment Rolls and the assessments therein contained, subject to the right of the parties in interest to be heard on objections, said Order adopted approving said Rolls and the assessments therein, having recited the total assessment of the Real Property Roll and having separately recited the total assessment of the Personal Property Roll, excluding Public Utilities and Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal do further find, determine and adjudge that they have heretofore given and caused to be published on September 18, 1975 and September 25, 1975 in the Hattiesburg American, a daily newspaper published in Forrest County, Mississippi, and having a general circulation in the City of Petal, Mississippi, the following Public Notice:

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC  
AND TAXPAYERS OF THE  
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI:

You are hereby notified that the ad valorem assessment rolls of real and personal property in the City of Petal, Mississippi, exclusive of motor vehicles, and the assessments therein have been filed, equalized, and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, according to law, subject to the right of the public and taxpayers to object to any of said assessments.

You are hereby notified that the said rolls are now ready for inspection and examination by the public and taxpayers in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall,

101 W. 8th Ave., Petal, Mississippi, 39465, and that any objections to said rolls, or any assessments therein contained shall be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at the aforesaid address on or before 12:00 o'clock noon on October 9, 1975, and that all assessments to which no written objections have been filed will then and there be finally approved by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen. All assessments to which written objections are made will be heard and determined by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the said assessment rolls will thereupon and then and there be finally approved.

You are further notified that the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen will convene at said meeting at 7:00 o'clock P.M., October 9, 1975, and then commence hearing any such objections to said rolls and assessments and will remain in session from day to day thereafter considering such objections until all parties in interest have been heard and such objections determined and disposed of and until any proper corrections shall have been made in said rolls, whereupon they will then and there be finally approved by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen as provided by law.

By Order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, this September 16, 1975.

CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Ulmer Byrd  
Ulmer Byrd, MAYOR

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said City of Petal, do further find, determine and adjudge that the Proof of Publication of the aforesaid Public Notice was filed with the City Clerk of said City on the 7th day of October, 1975, and the same is now on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., October 9, 1975, at the time and place set forth in the Public Notice to the public and taxpayers of the City of Petal, Mississippi, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen determined that no taxpayers or other parties in interest had filed any objections to said tax Rolls; and

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of November, 1975, Susan B. Smith, Tax Assessor of the City of Petal, Mississippi, caused to be filed her petition to change the Assessment Roll of Real Property for the City of Petal, Mississippi, in various particulars, and that notice was duly and properly given to the taxpayers and parties in interest that any and all objections to the changes set forth in said petition were required to be made on or before 12:00 o'clock noon, November 18, 1975, and said time for objections has passed and there

being filed no objections to the change in assessment as set forth in said petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi:

SECTION 1.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, being the governmental authority of said City of Petal, do now find, determine and adjudge that the Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Property in the City of Petal, Mississippi, for the year 1975, and the assessments therein contained, no objections or protests being filed, should be and the same are hereby approved as correct and are made final, including and incorporating the changes requested as set forth in the petition of Susan B. Smith, Tax Assessor of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SECTION 2.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the grand total of the Real Property Assessment Roll of said City of Petal for the year 1975 as is now hereby approved is \$3,199,491.00.

SECTION 3.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the grand total of the Personal Property Assessment Roll of the City of Petal, excluding Public Utilities and Motor Vehicles, as now hereby approved is \$570,510.00.

SECTION 4.

That the Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi be, and she is hereby directed and authorized to deal with the Personal Property Assessment Roll and the Real Property Assessment Roll and the assessments therein contained, as provided by law.

The foregoing Order having been reduced to writing, the same was introduced and read and a vote was taken thereon, first section by section, then upon the Order as a whole, with the following results:

Those present and voting "Yea" and in favor of the passage of each section of the foregoing Order and upon the foregoing Order as a whole:

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

Those present and voting "Nay" or against any section of the foregoing Order or against the foregoing Order as a whole:

NONE

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Order be, and the same is hereby passed, adopted and approved on this, the 18th day of November, A.D., 1975.

/s/ Ulmer Byrd  
 Ulmer Byrd, MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Susan B. Smith  
 Susan B. Smith, City Clerk

(SEAL)

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THEREUPON, Alderman W. H. Clearman moved to adopt the Order as read; 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.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd stated that approximately every six (6) months a Notice to Bidders should be compiled to advertise for office supplies for all departments.

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board on advertising for bids for office supplies.

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. moved to authorize the City of Petal to advertise for bids for office supplies; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, the following Notice to Bidders was read, to-wit:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Petal, Mississippi, until 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 16, 1975, for the following supplies for the Police, Building, Financial, Highways & Streets, and Judicial Departments of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

- ITEM 1: Printing
- ITEM 2: Office Supplies
- ITEM 3: Cleaning Supplies
- ITEM 4: Janitorial Supplies

Detailed specifications for the above listed supplies will be on file in the City Clerk's office in the City of Petal,

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Bidders may bid on one or more of the above items. No partial bids within each of the above listed items will be considered.

No bid will be considered which fails to contain the following statement:

"The bid herein made does not exceed the State Contract Price fixed by the Current Indexed List of Commodities or the item or items herein bid upon is not contained on said Current List."

The lowest and best bid received will be accepted, subject to the State Contract Price fixed by the "Indexed List of Commodities", published by the State Commission of Budget and Accounting, and in the event said item does not appear on said "Indexed List of Commodities", then the lowest and best bid may be accepted, but the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities.

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By: /s/ Susan B. Smith  
Susan B. Smith, City Clerk

Nov. 22, 29 & Dec. 6

(SEAL)

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Mayor Byrd stated that the monthly financial statement would not be issued until next week as the fiscal year had ended and transfers had to be made for the new year.

Mayor Byrd then recognized Bobby Fennell, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Fennell stated that he had three (3) proposals for the painting and re-pairing of the 1965 GMC fire truck. They are as follows, to-wit:

BENNIE McCARDLE AUTO BODY SHOP  
318 Old Richton Road Phone 583-2042  
Petal, Mississippi

11/10 1975

Petal Fire Dept.

Fire Truck

PARTS LABOR

Str Sheet Matel

paint complete \$715.00

paint & mat.

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Chief Fennell stated that none of the proposals included lettering. Chief Fennell also stated that Mr. Culpepper was the low bidder on the painting and repairing of the fire truck, and he had requested approximately fourteen (14) days to complete this job.

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. moved to accept the proposal of Culpepper's Body & Paint Shop in the amount of \$685.00; 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.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mrs. Smith stated that the Mayor and Aldermen needed to arrange a date to have their picture made for the 1975-76 Petal High School Annual, "The Panther". After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the pictures would be made at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Smith addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that the clerical personnel in the financial department had requested permission to receive Friday after Thanksgiving as a holiday. Alderman Curry stated that the Personnel Manual had the holidays for Thanksgiving set up as Thanksgiving Day only. After a lengthy discussion, the Board of Aldermen decided to make the following exception for all clerical employees of the City of Petal: if one clerical employee would remain on duty on the Friday following Thanksgiving, the other clerical employees would be allowed the Friday following Thanksgiving as part of the Thanksgiving holiday. The employee that is to remain on duty is left up to the Department head.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to allow the clerical employees to have the Friday after Thanksgiving off with the exception of one clerk remaining on duty; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated that \$1,500.00 had been allocated in the 1975-76 fiscal year budget for the Bicentennial Committee, and that the committee had requested their allocation at this time.

THEREUPON, Alderman Mitchell Curry moved to allocate the \$1,500.00 appropriated to the Bicentennial committee at this time; 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

Mayor Byrd stated to the Board of Aldermen that the City of Petal had been allocated in August a CETA Title II Grant with the criteria being that an applicant be unemployed for at least thirty (30) days and a resident of Petal. Mayor Byrd also stated that the grant was now ready to be signed for the Mississippi State Employment Service to properly



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initiate the utilization of these funds. This grant has two (2) job classifications, one a clerk, effective November 21, 1975 and the other a Parks and Recreation Director which should be hired effective February 1, 1976.

Mayor Byrd thereupon read the following letter of resignation.

November 17, 1975

Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Petal  
Petal, Mississippi 39465

Dear Mr. Byrd and Aldermen:

It is with deepest regrets that I submit my letter of resignation, effective November 28. It is my intention to continue my education.

I can truthfully say that it has been an honor to be associated with such a nice group of people. I have enjoyed the working conditions and the office personnel could not have been more helpful during my stay.

I hope that I have made some contribution during the two and a half months that I have been associated with the City, because I have benefited from the experience of working with Mrs. Smith.

My sincere best wishes go to each one of you for good health, good prosperity and most of all good will toward each other.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary P. O'Neal  
Mary P. O'Neal

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THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr. moved to accept Mrs. O'Neal's letter of resignation; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated that since Mrs. O'Neal has resigned, the clerk position would be opened and needed to be filled immediately as someone would need to be hired in order that training could be initiated for this individual before the collection of taxes.

THEREUPON, Alderman W. H. Clearman moved to allow the City Clerk and the Mayor to interview applicants and to hire an individual to fill the position of Deputy Tax Collector; 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.

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

Mayor Byrd requested the wishes of the Board as to the Title II Grant.

THEREUPON, Alderman Henderson moved to allow the City Clerk and the Mayor to sign the CETA Title II Grant; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Aye":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

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Mayor Byrd presented a Certification of Payment from Hanco in the amount of \$19,404.00. Mayor Byrd stated that this would be the second payment for the new Fire Station. Mayor Byrd also stated that this would bring the total amount paid to Hanco for the Fire Station to \$46,284.30.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd requested permission from the Board to transfer funds in Revenue Sharing to the Fire Fund in order that the City of Petal make payment to Hanco for this stage of construction.

THEREUPON, Alderman W. H. Clearman moved to allow the Mayor and the City Clerk to transfer funds from Revenue Sharing to the Fire Fund in the amount of \$17,204.00 for payment to Hanco; 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

Mayor Byrd presented the letter from Constable C. W. Delk to the Board of Aldermen. The letter stated that Constable Delk was giving up patrolling traffic at the Petal School crossing as he felt that it was now the duty of the Petal Police Department.

WHEREAS, the following Notice to Bidders for a mobile home was read; to-wit:

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Petal, Mississippi, until 7:30 P.M., on Tuesday, December 2, 1975, of said City for the following:

One (1) double-wide mobile home to be used for office space comprising of approximately 1344 sq. ft. of heating space. Windows are to be draped and the floors unless specified elsewhere in specifications are to be covered in linoleum flooring. Two bulb, 48 inch, fluorescent lights are to be furnished to provide adequate lighting in working spaces. No office furniture is to be included. All bids shall specify delivery date.

The bid price should include the necessary chain wall blocking or pillars and foundation to properly support the building as well as transportation, installation and tie down of the unit in Forrest County, Petal, Mississippi.

Specifications and plans are on file in the City Clerk's office in the City Hall of Petal, Mississippi, copies of which will be provided upon request.

No bid will be considered which fails to contain the following statement:

"The Bid herein made does not exceed the State Contract Price fixed by the Current Indexed List of Commodities or the item herein bid upon is not contained on said Current List."

The lowest and best bid received will be accepted subject to the State Contract Price fixed by the "Indexed List of Commodities" published by the State Commission of Budget and Accounting, and in the event said item does not appear on said "Indexed List of Commodities",

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then the lowest and best bid may be accepted, but the Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formalities.

CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

By: /s/ Susan B. Smith  
Susan B. Smith, City Clerk

Nov. 13, 20 & 28

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ORDERED BY THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, that the following Proof of Publication be, and the same is hereby approved and filed, to-wit:

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC AND TAXPAYERS  
OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

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

*Ulmer Byrd*  
Ulmer Byrd, MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Susan B. Smith*  
Susan B. Smith, City Clerk

(SEAL)

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, December 2, 1975, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those present

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| Mayor          | Ulmer Byrd  |
| Alderman       | W. H. Clearman<br>Mitchell Curry<br>George B. Draughn<br>A. L. Henderson, Jr.<br>Charles A. Sumrall |
| City Attorney  | Thomas W. Tyner   |
| Others Present | Harold Street<br>Tommy Cross  |

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

The invocation was led by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

The minutes of the meeting held November 18, 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 W. H. Clearman
- Alderman Mitchell Curry
- Alderman George B. Draughn
- Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.