

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

THEREUPON, there being no further business, Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

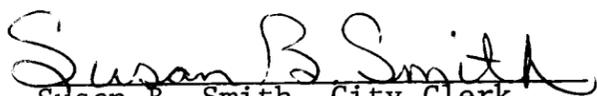
None

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned on this the first day of June, A. D., 1976.


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., June 15, 1976, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

Those Present:	Mayor Ulmer Byrd
City Attorney:	Thomas W. Tyner
Aldermen:	W. H. Clearman George B. Draughn A. L. Henderson, Jr. Charles A. Sumrall

Others Present: Bobby Fennell

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

Mayor Byrd stated that Mitchell Curry was out of town on business at the present, but would be back by the next council meeting.

The invocation was offered by Charles A. Sumrall.

The minutes of the meeting held June 1, 1976, were read by Susan B. Smith.

THEREUPON, Alderman George B. Draughn made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Chief Fennell stated that the Mississippi Firefighter's Magazine is planning to do a feature article on the City of Petal Fire Department. Chief Fennell requested from the Board if the City of Petal would place an advertisement in that publication. Chief Fennell stated that a one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) page ad would be \$65.00, a one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) page ad \$100.00, and a full page \$150.00. Chief Fennell also suggested several items for the Board of Aldermen to consider in the revised budget and the budget for the next fiscal year. Chief Fennell expressed to the Board the delegates appreciation for their support during the State Firefighter's Convention.

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THEREUPON Alderman Charles A. Sumrall made a motion authorizing the payment of a one-half (½) page ad in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS City Attorney Thomas W. Tyner stated to the Board that he had been requested to bring to the attention of the Board, the possibilities of a Sunday Closing Law. Mr. Tyner stated that one of the largest super markets in Petal was considering opening on Sunday. Mr. Tyner stated that there was a case presented to the Hinds County Circuit Court which approved the Jackson ordinance which restricted the size of a store that could sell items. Mr. Tyner explained that the Mississippi State Blue Laws restrict what items are authorized to be sold. He requested from the Board if they wished for him to obtain a copy of this particular ordinance, since this ordinance has been approved by the Supreme Court. After discussion, Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion directing the City Attorney, Thomas W. Tyner, to proceed in obtaining a copy of an ordinance that has been approved by the court and meets the needs of the community. The motion was seconded by Alderman George B. Draughn.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

Mr. Tyner also stated that it had been brought to his attention that several stores in Petal have been blatant with the reading material that is offered to the public. After a discussion of selecting a method of marketing or the restricting of the selling of this type of reading material, it was decided that the Mayor and Chief of Police would talk with these merchants and report at the next meeting.

After discussion, Alderman George B. Draughn made a motion authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to discuss this matter with the merchants. The motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS Mr. Tyner reported to the Board that as soon as he could obtain all the proper bills that have been passed or filed, he would proceed with filing the injunction to prevent any changes in the operation of the Petal Postal System.

WHEREAS Mayor Byrd read the following letter of resignation from Mrs. Thelma Clepper. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

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June 2, 1976

Mayor, Board of Aldermen
And Susan Smith
City Hall
Petal, Mississippi 39465

Honorable City Official Members:

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation as employee of the City of Petal, effective June 11, 1976, as I have made a decision to accept a position with a large contracting firm in Hattiesburg.

It is with deep regret that I render this resignation, but I will be getting a considerable increase in salary, therefore, I feel that I will not be making a mistake by accepting this job.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the type of work that I have tried to perform while employed with the City of Petal. I certainly appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown me. I wish the best for each of you and will always be proud to be a citizen of Petal, Mississippi.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thelma
Thelma Clepper

THEREUPON Alderman W. H. Clearman made a motion accepting the letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

Alderman W. H. Clearman stated that he wanted to bring to the attention of the Board that there are several locations in Petal that have quite a bit of overgrowth and this overgrowth is causing snakes and rats. Mr. Clearman also requested the Board to take under consideration an amendment to the firearm ordinance restricting the firing of pellet guns.

Mayor Byrd suggested that the first problem could be alleviated by talking with the property owners and by contacting Mr. Ledford to publish in the paper the dangers and hazardous public health conditions such property causes. Mayor Byrd requested the Aldermen to take under advisement the amendment to the firearm ordinance until the next council meeting.

WHEREAS, Alderman Sumrall requested the wishes of the Board concerning the City of Petal's advertisement in the Petal High School Yearbook.

THEREUPON, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr., made a motion authorizing a \$100.00 advertisement in the Petal High School Yearbook using the same ad as last year. The motion was seconded by Alderman George B. Draughn.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

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Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr., reported to the Board that he had obtained a reasonable bid on the decals, but would request more time as to the design. After discussion, it was determined that Alderman Henderson would report at the next council meeting.

WHEREAS Alderman Draughn related to the Mayor and Board of Alderman, a telephone conversation with Mrs. Clepper.

Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr., reported to the Board, stating that Larry Donavan has resigned as dispatcher of the Police Department due to his health. Mr. Henderson stated that the City would have to pay time and a half until some applicants could be interviewed and hired. Mr. Henderson also stated that the animal warden's truck is now in operation.

THEREUPON there being no further business, Alderman A. L. Henderson, Jr., made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Alderman W. H. Clearman.

Those present and voting "Yea":

- 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 15th day of June, A. D., 1976.

Ulmer Byrd
Ulmer Byrd, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Susan B. Smith
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., July 6, 1976, in the Mayor's Office in the City Hall.

- Those Present: Mayor Ulmer Byrd
- Aldermen: W.H. Clearman
Mitchell Curry
George B. Draughn
A. L.Henderson, Jr.
Charles A. Sumrall
- Others Present: Richmond Williams
Lewis January
George Fairley
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Cooper
John Smith
Mr. Detterman

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

The invocation was offered by Alderman Charles A. Sumrall.

The minutes of the meeting held June 15, 1976, were read by Susan S. Smith.

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

Those present and voting "Yea":