

MINUTES - PETAL, MISS.

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 7:00 p. m., October 5, 1976, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

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

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

The invocation was offered by Alderman Mitchell Curry.

The minutes of the meeting held September 21, 1976, were read by Susan B. Smith.

THEREUPON, Alderman Curry made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Alderman Sumrall seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Yea":

Alderman Mitchell Curry  
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. Tom Tyner read a proclamation by Mayor Byrd proclaiming the week of October 10th through October 16th, 1976, as Alpha Delta Kappa Week. The proclamation read as follows, to-wit:

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa, an organization of over 800 Educators in our State, is composed of individuals who have made countless contributions to the heritage of our City; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa was organized in 1947 and has grown to be international, as well as national in scope; and

WHEREAS, the 20 Alpha Delta Kappa Chapters in Mississippi have carried out several worthwhile programs, including; scholarships, aid to needy teachers, programs for educational advancement, and other civic and philanthropic activities; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Delta Kappa is working to promote the growth and progress of our City through working towards its goals of promoting high standards of education and contributing to world understanding and goodwill and peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ulmer Byrd, Mayor of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of October tenth through October sixteenth, as

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA WEEK

in Petal, Mississippi, and I urge all our citizens to join in paying tribute to this outstanding organization.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-  
unto set my hand and caused the  
Seal of the City of Petal,  
Mississippi, to be affixed.

DONE at the City Hall, in the  
City of Petal, Mississippi, this  
5th day of October, in the year  
of our Lord nineteen hundred and  
seventy-six, and of the Indepen-  
dence of the United States of  
America the two hundred and first.

/s/ Ulmer Byrd  
MAYOR

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THEREUPON, Alderman Clearman made a motion to adopt the proclamation as  
read. Alderman Henderson seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Tyner read an Order appointing Chief Bill Wallace as Civil  
Defense Co-ordinator for the City of Petal. The Order read as follows, to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, In order to establish adequate provisions  
for continuity of government in the event of calamities or emer-  
gencies being national, man-made or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the peace, welfare, and  
health of the public during any aforesaid disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are hereby  
establishing the office of Civil Defense Co-ordinator for the  
City of Petal under the direction of the Chief Administrative  
Officer; and

WHEREAS, this individual will carry out the duties  
in the absence of the Chief Administrative Officer and will  
insure the necessary responsibilities for direction and control  
during any aforesaid disaster.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Billie R. Wallace be  
and is hereby the individual appointed as the Civil Defense  
Co-ordinator to serve from October 5, 1976, until further orders  
from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal,  
Mississippi.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of  
the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this, the 5th day of October,  
A. D., 1976.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Sumrall made a motion to adopt the Order as read.  
Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

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Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd presented Claims 1596 through 1653 for payment to the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Sumrall made a motion to pay claims 1596 through 1653. Alderman Clearman seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Tyner stated that he had talked to Stone Barefield and that Mr. Barefield wanted the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to have a meeting with Southern Appraisers, for the purpose of preparing a contract for the City.

WHEREAS, Alderman Curry brought the floor plan layout of the new City Hall before the Board for their review. Mr. Curry stated that he has mentioned about the addition of dormers to Mr. Salinas and he agreed.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated that he had received a letter of resignation from Randy Dearman as dispatcher from the Petal Police Department. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

30 September 1976

Chief of Police Billy R. Wallace  
Petal Police Department  
Petal, Mississippi

SUBJECT: Request for Reassignment.

Chief Wallace:

I respectfully request to be relieved of my position as dispatcher at the Petal Police Department. Upon release from this position, I wish to be placed on the role of the Reserve Component of your department. I hope this change can be made within the next fourteen (14) days.

Respectfully,

/s/ Randall H. Dearman  
Randall H. Dearman

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THEREUPON, Alderman Henderson made a motion to accept Mr. Dearman's resignation effective October 15, 1976. The motion was seconded by Alderman Draughn.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated he had an application from Mrs. Elizabeth Cheek

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for dispatcher. Mayor Byrd requested the police committee to review this application and report by the next council meeting.

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd read a letter from Johnny Watts, Captain of the Petal Reserves, as notice of his resignation. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

September 29, 1976

Billy Wallace  
Chief of Police  
Petal, Miss.

Dear Sir:

I regret to inform you, that I am resigning my position as captain of the Petal Reserves, as I have changed my employment and I am now employed by the Forrest County Sheriff's Department. I feel even though I will no longer be a reserve for Petal, Mississippi, that I can further benefit the community as a deputy sheriff for Forrest County.

I would like again to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you, for having enough confidence in me to bestow the position of captain of reserves, Petal Police Department.

I again say I am not leaving law enforcement, but just beginning. This was all made possible by the valuable experience I gained from the two years I served as reserve captain.

I am asking that this resignation to be accepted in goodwill. This resignation will be effective immediately upon receiving.

/s/ Johnny Watts  
Johnny Watts

CC: Honorable Ulmer Byrd  
Mayor, Petal, Miss.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Henderson made a motion to accept the resignation of Johnny Watts effective September 30, 1976. The motion was seconded by Alderman Curry.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd stated that the City had received a grant in the amount of \$24,000.00 from Ceta Title II for City employees. The positions to be funded by the grant are as follows: Dispatcher, secretary, fireman, police workers (animal warden) and street workers. The effective date of the grant began October 1, 1976, and ends January 31, 1977.

WHEREAS, Susan B. Smith stated that she had received the adjustments for the 1975 Homestead Exemptions from the Tax Commission. The adjustments read as follows, to-wit:

- 1) Dorman, Ada Odom, Parcel No. 61102104, assessed value in the amount of \$875, adjusted amount approved \$00. as per Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 27-33-7 and 27-33-17 (e)
- 2) Williamson, Mary Ann. Parcel No. 62430003. assessed value at \$900, reduction or increase - 450, adjusted amount approved - 450 as per Miss. Code of 1972 as annotated and recompiled, section 27-33-19 (a), (b), and 27-33-21 (c).
- 3) Brinson, Jewel Clark. Parcel No. 64530309. Assessed value - \$1,250, reduction or increase - 625, adjusted amount approved - 625. As per Miss. Code of 1972, annotated and recompiled, section 27-33-19 (a), (b), 27-33-21 (c).

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- 4) Graham, Jean Thomas. Parcel No. 61102060. assessed value at \$675, reduction or increase - 335, adjusted amount approved 340. As per Miss. Code of 1972, as annotated and recompiled, Section 27-33-19 (a), (b) 27-33-21 (c).
- 5) Reeves, Annie Mae. Parcel No. 60631120. Assessed value - 510 Reduction or increase - 255, Adjusted amount approved - 255. As per Miss. Code of 1972, as annotated and recompiled, Section 27-33-19 (a), (b), & 27-33-21 (c). In summary of the adjusted exemptions, the exempt assessed value is a decrease of \$2,540.00 levied at 10 mills, for a total debit of \$25.40.

THEREUPON, Alderman Henderson made a motion that the aforesaid exemptions be accepted. Alderman Clearman seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

SO ORDERED BY THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the following proofs of publication be, and the same is hereby adopted as required by law, to-wit:

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

WHEREAS, Mayor Byrd presented the pro-ration for the month of September.

WHEREAS, Mr. Clearman stated that he and Chief Wallace had not finished their report concerning the establishment of a curfew hour.

THEREUPON, Alderman Sumrall made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

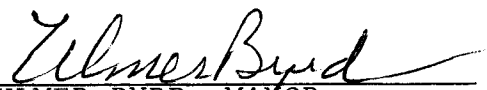
Those present and voting "Yea":

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

Those present and voting "Nay":

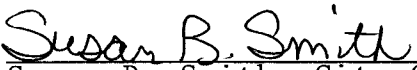
None

There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned on this the 5th day of October, 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., October 19, 1976, in the Mayor's office in the City Hall.

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