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There being no further business, the meeting was ordered adjourned on this the 5th day of July A. D., 1977.


SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Priscilla Daniel, City Clerk

BE IT REMEMBERED that there was begun and held a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at 7:30 P. M., July 14, 1977, in the Board Room in the City Hall.

Those Present:	Mayor Sidney O. Smith
City Attorney:	Thomas W. Tyner
Aldermen:	W. E. Boutwell W. H. Campbell George B. Draughn Bobby W. Runnels Robert E. Russell
Others Present:	Chief B R. Wallace Joe Barron Melissa Harkins

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

The invocation was offered by Alderman George Draughn.

The Notice of the Speical Meeting with his return, was presented for filing by Chief Wallace. The notice read as follows, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, will be held at 7:30 P. M., on Thursday, July 14th, 1977, in the Board Room in the City Hall for the purpose of:

- (1) Reviewing the budget and making plans for revised budget.
- (2) Reviewing of specifications for city hall shelving for the purpose of re-advertising for bids.
- (3) Consideration of pay increase for Ruby Harrington, Deputy Tax Collector, Deputy Voter Registrar, Secretary to Building Inspector, Secretary to the Mayor.
- (4) Employment of Thelma Clepper and establishing her salary.

/s/ Sidney O. Smith
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/s/ W. E. Boutwell
W. E. Boutwell

/s/ W. H. Campbell
W. H. Campbell

/s/ Robert E. Russell
Robert E. Russell

/s/ Bobby W. Runnels
Bobby W. Runnels

/s/ George Draughn
George Draughn

CHIEF OF POLICE'S RETURN

I, B. R. Wallace, Chief of Police of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do hereby certify that more than three hours prior to the time set for said special meeting, I did hereby personally serve upon the following Aldermen, a true and correct copy of this Notice of Special Meeting.

B. R. Wallace, Chief of Police
City of Petal Police Department

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WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the Pro-ration for the month of June to the Board. Mayor Smith requested that Mr. Joe Barron go over the figures and explain or answer any questions that the Board might have.

THEREUPON, Mr. Barron stated that in the May Pro-ration under General Revenues, that account number 353 had a budget of \$800.00, but as of May had received \$418,709.00. Actually, only \$17,299.65 had been received in operational revenues; funds from Certificates of Deposits that had matured had been placed in this account. Mr. Barron stated that an investment account for investment funds has been set up and show up as a change on the pro-ration for the month of June. Mr. Barron also stated that the total budgeted revenue for the year was \$399,131.00, the beginning cash in bank was \$97,000.00, which gives a total budget amount of \$496,131.00. To date, the revenues totaled \$436,800.50. This gives a surplus of \$37,669.50 of actual receipts over budgeted receipts. This surplus can be budgeted to the various departments in their expenditures.

WHEREAS, Mr. Barron also stated that the Certificates of Deposit and also a \$100,000.00 transfer of funds from the general operating fund to capital improvements had been charged to the miscellaneous account under other services in the financial budget. This will show up in the investment account in the June pro-ration. This was a misclassification of operating expenditures. which over inflated the budget and could have been overspent in one category. Also, Mr. Barron noted in the fire department miscellaneous account on the May pro-ration an overexpenditure of \$49,020.47. \$37,000.00 of this was a transfer of funds to the Municipal Fire Protection Fund - this was not an operating expense, so it should have been put in a transfer account. Mr. Barron stated that a transfer account has been set up and shows in the June pro-ration. Also, in the May pro-ration in the retirement and pension fund, only \$318.07 has actually been spent, but another \$100,000.00 has been expended, but should have been put in a transfer account. The \$100,000.00 was not an operating

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transfers through journal entries.

WHEREAS, Mr. Barron stated that he had added a General Fund Summary to the pro-ration for the month of June. This summary states for each department the total budget, pro-ration to date, the expenditures this month and to date, whether the department is over or under the budget and the unexpended balance. Mr. Barron stated that when consideration is given to amending the budget that there is \$156,893.07 left in the General Fund as of June 30, 1977, plus the excess revenues of \$37,669.50 and projected revenue funds which can be distributed to the different departments as required.

WHEREAS, Alderman Runnels requested that the summary sheet Mr. Barron added to the pro-ration be made a permanent part of the report.

WHEREAS, Alderman Runnels stated that he had talked with Harlon Graham, Commissioner of the summer and winter softball league and Dennis Ray Smith in reference to the condition of the bleachers at the softball field at the fairgrounds. Mr. Smith and Mr. Graham were in agreement that the best action now would be to repair the right hand side or the first base side of the bleachers which is where the majority of the spectators sit. Mr. Graham measured the bleachers and estimated that 133 pieces of 2 x 10 lumber 14 feet long would be needed to repair the section of bleachers. Mr. Graham stated that if the City would furnish the lumber and the paint, that he would see that it was placed and sprayed. Alderman Runnels also stated that Wolmanized materials or pressure treated materials might be considered instead of plain materials which would need painting and need to be replaced more often.

WHEREAS, Alderman Runnels stated that the Petal Merchants Baseball League was going to the tournament in Starkville and had requested that the City donate funds to help finance the trip.

THEREUPON, City Attorney Thomas W. Tyner read the code stating individual liability of the public officials for public funds spent for unauthorized expenditures. Mr. Tyner stated that this donation would come under the same category of the donations and advertisements and that he has requested an opinion from the State Attorney General's Office and that he hopes to have the answer on this at the next council meeting.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that he felt that the salaries for the office employees are inadequate for the work that is performed.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to increase Ruby Harrington's salary to \$600.00 per month effective July 15, 1977. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George Draughn
Alderman Bobby Runnels
Alderman Robert E. Russell

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that he would like for the Board to consider the appointment of Thelma Clepper as the bookkeeper.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adopt the following order appointing Thelma Clepper as the bookkeeper at a salary of \$600.00 per month effective

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July 18, 1977, and that she be bonded for \$5000.00, with the premiums being paid by the City. The order being first read, Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion. The order read as follows; to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, having been presented the resignation of Mary Wells, for the position of bookkeeper, and the resignation having been accepted, and it being necessary that an appointment be made to fill such vacancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen do appoint and employ Thelma Clepper, as the bookkeeper of the City of Petal, Mississippi, effective July 18, 1977, at a monthly salary of \$600.00, until the further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SO ORDERED on this the 19th day of July, A. D., 1977.

/s/ Sidney O. Smith
SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla Daniel
Priscilla Daniel, City Clerk

Those present and voting "Aye":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman George Draughn
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

Those abstaining:

Alderman Robert O. Russell

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that he had talked with David Kean on the bids for the steel shelving for the vault and the store room. Mr. Kean stated that he was bidding on custom made shelving. Mayor Smith stated that possibly the quantity of the shelves could be reduced if there is not a necessity for the number stated in the previous specifications.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to rewrite the specifications and readvertise for bids on the steel shelving. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Aye":

- Alderman W. E. Boutwell
- Alderman Robert E. Russell
- Alderman W. H. Campbell
- Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
- Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

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Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman Robert E. Russell
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

There being no further business, the special meeting was ordered adjourned on this the 14th day of July, A. D., 1977.


SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Priscilla C. Daniel, 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 19, 1977, in the Board Room in the City Hall.

Those Present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith

City Attorney: Thomas W. Tyner

Aldermen: W. E. Boutwell
W. H. Campbell
Bobby W. Runnels
Robert E. Russell

Others Present: Mrs. John Green
Mrs. Pam McVay
H. R. Nobles
and many others

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

The invocation was offered by Alderman W. H. Campbell.

The minutes of the meeting held July 5, 1977, were read by Priscilla Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the minutes as read.

Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "Aye":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman W. H. Campbell
Alderman Robert E. Russell
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "Nay":

None

The minutes of the special meeting held July 14, 1977, were read by Priscilla Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the minutes as read.

Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.