

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, on March 7, 1978, in the Board Room in the City Hall.

Those present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith

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

City Attorney: Thomas W. Tyner

Others present: Charles Sumrall  
Ford Weatherford  
Richard Topp  
Lesley Lee  
Chris Gulam  
Joe Barron

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

The invocation was offered by George B. Draughn.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 1978, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

Thereupon, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

NONE

Whereas, the Mayor asked for public comment.

Thereupon, fire chief, Ford Weatherford, and Charles Sumrall addressed the Board concerning the policy of sending fire trucks out of town to aid other fire departments.

Thereupon, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give Mayor Smith, Alderman Russell, Chief Weatherford, or the officer in charge, the authority to make the decision to allow a fire truck to leave town to assist another fire department upon their request. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Lesley Lee, representative for Life of Alabama Insurance Company, presented the Board with his proposal for an insurance program for the city employees. Mr. Lee presented a cancer policy, an intensive care policy and a life insurance policy that could be offered.

Thereupon, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give Lesley Lee the authority to contact each city employee and offer these policies. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Mr. Chris Gulam, of Gulf South Engineers, presented a brief progress report on the water and sewer grants being pursued by the City.

Whereas, Mayor Smith stated that the City will participating in the annual spring clean-up campaign March 15th through April. The city is going to urge the citizens of Petal to put out all of their refuse to be picked up on certain days.

Whereas, Richard Topp, of the firm of Carl Nicholson, C. P. A., presented the audit made of the City of Petal.

Thereupon, Alderman Campbell made a motion to take the audit under advisement. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, the board of aldermen requested that Mr. Topp work up a proposal for setting up a fixed asset inventory and submit it to the Board.

Whereas, Mayor Smith stated that he had received a letter from John R. Tabb, director of the State Highway Department. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT/Jackson, Mississippi

February 17, 1978

Honorable Sidney O. Smith, Mayor  
City of Petal  
City Hall  
Petal, Mississippi 39645

Dear Mayor Smith:

SUBJECT: Federal-Aid Urban System Funds

The attached list details the allocation of Fiscal Year 1978 Federal-Aid Urban Funds to eligible areas within the State. As before, the Commission has limited the use of these funds to construction only to obtain maximum benefits from the available money. Fiscal year 1978 funds allocated to any city not committed to construction of approved projects by June 30, 1979, may be withdrawn at that time.

Effective March 1, 1978, Highway Department policy will require each city to deposit the thirty (30) percent matching portion for each project in the State Highway Fund prior to authorization of the project. Eligible charges, including both city and state construction engineering will be paid from this fund. This is a change from the previous procedures in that the State's construction engineering was not charged to any project.

Attached for your information is a copy of a status report presenting the status of the Urban System Program in your city as of December 31, 1977. This report lists all projects, their estimated cost, total funds available, total funds programmed, and balance available for programming.

If you have any questions concerning your Fiscal Year 1978 allocation, the revised procedures or the status report, contact Mr. Bob M. Prescott of our Transportation Planning Division,

Post Office Box 1850, Jackson, Ms 39205, telephone 354-7176.

Yours very truly,

/s/ John R. Tabb

JOHN R. TABB  
DIRECTOR

BMP/smr

Attachments

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Thereupon, Mayor Smith stated that he would like to make an appointment with Mr. Tabb to discuss these funds with the City Engineer.

Whereas, Mayor Smith stated that the City Clerk has requested permission to attend the school for tax assessors sponsored by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Thereupon, Alderman Draughn made a motion to give the City Clerk permission to attend the school for tax assessors sponsored by the International Assessing Officers School in Jackson, May 8th through May 12, 1978, and to pay the expenses incurred at the school. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 3255 through 3331 for the City of Petal.

Thereupon, Alderman Russell made a motion to pay claims numbers 3255 through 3331. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 147A through 168A for the Operating and Maintenance account for the City of Petal Water Department.

Thereupon, Alderman Runnels made a motion to pay claims numbers 147A through 168A. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE".

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 36B through 40B for the Repair & Extension account for the City of Petal Water Department.

Thereupon, Alderman Russell made a motion to pay claims numbers 36B

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through 40B for the Repair and Extension account. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Whereas, Mayor Smith read the letter of resignation from Thomas Hill.

The letter read as follows, to-wit:

March 3, 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Thomas Hill, as of March 3, 1978, do resign my duties with the City of Petal as operator. This resignation is effective March 10, 1978.

Although the time has been short that I have been employed with this establishment, I have enjoyed my work.

Thank you,

/s/ Thomas Hill

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Thereupon, Alderman Russell made a motion to accept Thomas Hill's resignation. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Thereupon, Alderman Russell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

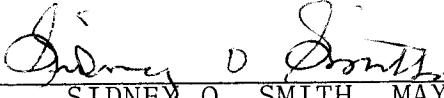
Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was ordered adjourned on this the 7th day of March, A. D., 1978.

  
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 SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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 Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk