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

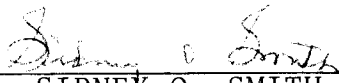
Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

NONE

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, was adjourned on this the 2nd day of May, A. D., 1978.

  
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SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

  
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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., May 16, 1978, in the Board Room of 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:	Chris Gulam Ford Weatherford Robert Fennell Robert Powell Paul Shows Joe Barron

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

The invocation was offered by Robert E. Russell.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 2, 1978, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion to adopt the minutes as read. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

NONE

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith asked for public comment.

THEREUPON, Chris Gulam of Gulf South Engineers stated that the smoke testing step of the Sewer System Evaluation Survey of the sewer lines in Petal would begin on Monday, May 22, 1978. Mr. Gulam stated that this testing would continue for approximately one month.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the LeBonte Club is sponsoring the Miss Hospitality Pageant for the City of Petal. The LeBonte Club has requested that the City purchase an ad in the pageant program.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to purchase an ad in the amount of \$150.00 in the Miss Hospitality Pageant program. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Those present and abstaining:

George B. Draughn

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the LeBonte Club has requested that the City sponsor a scholarship in the amount of \$150.00 for the winner of the Miss Hospitality contest.

THEREUPON, after lengthy discussion, the aldermen unanimously agreed that this would not be considered an authorized expenditure.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following letters from the municipal judge, James H. C. Thomas.

CITY OF PETAL/MUNICIPAL COURT/May 15, 1978, Petal, Ms 39465

TO: The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Petal  
Petal City Hall  
Petal, Mississippi 39465

RE: Appointment of City Clerk

Gentlemen:

This means is taken to advise that I have interviewed the prospects for the position of Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Petal and I am recommending Miss Robin Grimbsy at a monthly salary of \$450.00 for the remainder of the budget year to work hours to be specified.

Thank you for your attention in acting upon this recommendation as appropriate.

With best personal regards to each of you, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ James H. C. Thomas, Jr.  
James H. C. Thomas, Jr.

JHCT/e

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adopt the following order appointing Elizabeth Brewer to the court clerk position at a salary of \$550.00 per month, effective May 19, 1978.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, deem it necessary to hire a Court Clerk due to the resignation of Gary French.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Elizabeth Brewer be and she is hereby appointed as Court Clerk at a monthly salary of \$550.00 to serve from May 19, 1978, until further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Elizabeth Brewer be bonded in the amount of \$5,000.00, to be paid by the City.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 16th day of May, A. D., 1978.

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Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

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CITY OF PETAL/MUNICIPAL COURT/May 5, 1978/Petal, Ms 39465

TO: The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Petal  
Petal City Hall  
Petal, Mississippi 39465

Gentlemen:

In evaluating the operation of the Judicial Department and preparation of the amended budget, and in replacing the court clerk, it appears that this would be a good juncture to effect a reorganization of the department which would, I feel, greatly increase the efficiency of the department as well as furnish more assistance to the police department. At this time we do not have a prosecutor working regularly with the court, although the city attorney, Tom Tyner, is furnishing his assistance as necessary and on appeal cases to the Forrest County Court.

However, it is my feeling that the work load of the court has reached a point, and the appearance of the defendants has developed to the point where a prosecutor is necessary weekly in court to insure that the cases being tried are fairly and adequately presented on behalf of the city. In the past, I have permitted the police department to present cases informally, but without a prosecutor a defendant represented by legal counsel has a great advantage in cross examining witnesses and in impeaching testimony. While I have undertaken the role of questioning witnesses as judge, this practice frequently leaves the appearance that I am attempting to convict the defendant rather than to determine the true facts and make an impartial judgment as to guilt or innocence. The participation of a prosecutor on a regular basis would completely avoid this problem and be of a great benefit to the police department by assisting them with early advice and in the preparation of their cases as well as direct control of the presentation of the case in Court.

I am therefore requesting at this time that a City Prosecutor be retained effective June 1, 1978, as a part time employee

at a monthly salary of \$200.00 per month. I would also recommend that William Jones, a young attorney in Petal, be appointed to this position if he meets with your approval as I feel that he would do a good job.

Additionally, since this additional staff member would be reflected in the amended budget, I would propose that the initial salary of the court clerk be reduced to \$450.00 per month at this time for the remainder of the budget year to offset the increased amended budget for the department. I would propose that this be increased one increment next year as the new court clerk learns the position and merits a raise.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as we continue to make improvements to be of the best possible service to the citizens of Petal.

With best personal regards to each of you, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ James H. C. Thomas, Jr.

James H. C. Thomas, Jr.  
Municipal Court Judge

JHCT/e

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THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adopt the following order appointing William Harold Jones as city prosecutor at a salary of \$200.00 per month effective June 1, 1978. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, deem it necessary to appoint a City Prosecutor.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that William Harold Jones is hereby appointed as the City Prosecutor for the City of Petal to serve from June 1, 1978, at a monthly salary of \$200.00 until further orders of 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 16th day of May, A. D., 1978.

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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, fire chief, Ford Weatherford, stated that in order to have more efficient communications, the fire department is in need of a new radio unit for the fire hall number two and four crystals for the police cars.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion that a radio unit and four crystals be purchased for the fire department at state contract bid price. 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, Robert Fennell stated that fire hall number one is in need of a new refrigerator. The present refrigerator is beyond repair.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to purchase a refrigerator at state contract bid price. 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

WHEREAS, Robert Powell, manager of the water department, stated that a school for water pollution control operation will be held May 29 through June 2, 1978, at Mississippi State University.

Mr. Powell requested permission to send an employee to this school.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion authorizing Mr. Powell to send one of the water department employees to the school and to pay the expenses incurred. Alderman Campbell 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. Powell stated that the two cave-ins at Ogilsvie Drive and Hillcrest Drive will involve about 600 feet of sewer line. The excavation of these lines will involve equipment that the city does not have access to.

WHEREAS, Paul Shows, city engineer, presented the following letter to the Board of Aldermen.

SHOWS & DEARMAN/P. O. BOX 1711/Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

May 16, 1978

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

RE: Sanitary Sewer  
Ogilsvie Street

Gentlemen:

The 8" sanitary sewer main has given away and has caused two cave-ins approximately 600 feet apart, creating a hazard to the motorist. These two breaks in the sewer main also can create a health hazard due to the backing up of raw sewerage as well as permitting sand to infiltrate into the mains creating problems with the mains and pumping stations.

This is in an emergency repair state and since the City does not have the equipment or personel to make the necessary repair, I recommend negotiating a price as soon as possible to correct the breaks in the sewer main on Ogilsvie Street.

Yours truly,

SHOWS & DEARMAN  
City Engineers

/s/ Paul J. Shows  
Paul J. Shows

PJS:jn

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give Mr. Draughn and Mr. Powell, and Paul Shows, city engineer, permission to get prices from three contractors for the following work and pick the lowest price and proceed with the excavation. Alderman Russell 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, Robert Fennell requested that the aldermen take into consideration a policy concerning the pay for employees who fill in for other city employees that are called for jury duty.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to pay the city employees who fill in for other city employees on jury duty provided the city clerk is furnished a statement from the clerk certifying the number of hours served on jury duty. 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, Joe Barron presented the proration for the month of April to the board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give the city clerk permission to invest \$35,000 on a 60-day certificate of deposit at Deposit Guaranty Bank. 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, Alderman Runnels stated that Mayor Smith has had to use his personal car for city business.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to pay Mayor Smith \$80.00 per month car allowance. 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 stated that Ed Lowry has completed the audit of the East Forrest Utility District for June 1, 1976, through May 31, 1977. Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the board concerning the audit for June 1, 1977, through September 30, 1978.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to hire the firm of Carl Nicholson, CPA, to furnish this audit. 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 Anna Ledger's letter of resignation to the board. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

May 14, 1978

Dear Sir:

I regret to inform you that I am turning a letter of resignation. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your department. I have also enjoyed working with the personal department. I feel that I have further gained valuable experience that I feel will help me later in life.

I have found another job with my uncle paying more money. I feel I can't turn this job down. Because I have a better chance of advancement in position and in salary.

I further state that with deep regrets that this will be effective on the 24 day of May 1978.

I say again I have enjoyed working for you and the men of your department.

I thank you for the opportunity that you gave me and for having the confidence in me for the job. In closing I say Thank You.

With deep regrets

/s/ Anna Ledger  
Anna Ledger

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THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to accept Miss Ledger's resignation. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the board concerning the following resolution.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of August, 1974, the Mayor and Council of the City of Petal, Mississippi, authorized the City

of Petal to take all action necessary to file for a Federal grant administered by the Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, Public Law 92-500, said resolution appearing for record in Minute Book I, at pages 109 and 110, AND

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of August, 1977, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, authorized their ENGINEER, Mississippi Gulf South Engineers, Inc., to proceed with the preparation of a Grant Approval Package and a Procurement Package required for Step I, Phase 2, of Public Law 92-500, specifically noted as the Sewer System Evaluation Study for the City of Petal, AND

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of February, 1978, said Grant Approval Package and Procurement Package was completed and submitted to the City of Hattiesburg for ultimate transmittal to the Environmental Protection Agency for their approval, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency notified the City of Petal, that the grant was conditionally approved as of the 6th day of April, 1978, and in order to receive full approval of the grant, both the City of Petal and the City of Hattiesburg, must agree upon the proper transfer of federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Hattiesburg be and is hereby requested to agree that all the federal funds awarded to the City of Hattiesburg for the Sewer System Evaluation Survey Study of the City of Petal shall be promptly transferred to the City of Petal for payment of costs incurred for said study, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Petal, again affirms that it shall be totally responsible for providing the funds necessary to pay the portion of the said study expenses designated as "local share."

SO RESOLVED, ORDERED AND APPROVED on this the 16th day of May, A. D., 1978.

CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

/s/ Sidney O. Smith  
Sidney O. Smith, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the foregoing resolution from Gulf South Engineers concerning the Sewer System Evaluation Survey.





be responsible for seeing that the animals delivered to the said Humane Society animal shelter by the City of Petal's animal warden are properly cared for and fed. All food for said animals shall be provided by the Humane Society.

Animals which have bitten a person, or are suspect, which must be confined for a period of ten (10) days, as required by law, must be housed with a local veterinarian for the ten (10) day period. The City of Petal will be responsible for the boarding fees. These fees will be paid directly to the veterinarian holding the animal.

II.

The Humane Society agrees to hold harmless the City of Petal and all its agents, servants, and employees from liability of any kind for damages arising due to the Humane Society's operation of the animal shelter belonging to said Humane Society, and the handling of any animals contained therein.

III.

City, on its part, agrees to pay the Humane Society Five Dollars (\$5.00) per animal for each animal delivered to the Humane Society animal shelter by the Petal animal warden. It is agreed by and between the parties that in the event that the actual costs of maintaining the animals of the City of Petal shall exceed the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) per animal, that the parties shall have the right to renegotiate the amount to be paid per animal, and that the amount can be increased to cover the actual costs of maintaining, handling and caring for the said animals. The City of Petal agrees to pay the Humane Society, upon receipt of an invoice covering those animals delivered to the Humane Society by the City's animal warden, at the rate above set out, or the rate which may be agreed upon as provided above. Invoices shall be submitted to the City on a monthly basis and shall be paid by the City through its regular accounting and payment procedure.

IV.

The City agrees that the City animal warden shall deliver all animals picked up by the said animal warden to the Forrest County Humane Society animal shelter, except vicious, unmanageable animals.

V.

This contract shall continue and be in force until said Contract is cancelled by the City of Petal, giving ten (10) days written notice to the Forrest County Humane Society, or in the alternative, this Contract may be cancelled by the mutual consent of the parties hereto. Either party can cancel the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Contract, in duplicate originals, on this the 16th day of May,

THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI  
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

BY: /s/ Sidney O. Smith  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla C. Daniel  
ALDERMAN-CLERK

FORREST COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY  
A NON-PROFIT MISSISSIPPI CORPORATION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY

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THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to authorize the mayor to enter into the foregoing agreement. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the Board concerning the following order appointing Paulette Morgan as deputy tax collector effective June 1, 1978, at a salary of \$450.00.

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, have found that due to the increased duties and responsibilities of the Tax Collector, it has become necessary that an individual be appointed to assist in the duties as Deputy Tax Collector.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Paulette Morgan be and she is hereby appointed as Deputy Tax Collector for the City of Petal, Mississippi, effective June 1, 1978, at a salary of \$450.00 per month, until the further orders of 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 16th day of May, A. D., 1978.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the foregoing order. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

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

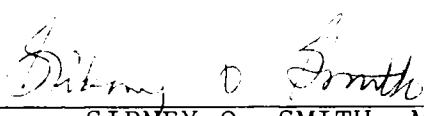
Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

There being no further business, the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned on this the 16th day of May, A. D., 1978.

  
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 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., on June 6, 1978, in the Board Room of 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

Others present:	Dick Harlow Raymond Dearman Bruce Easterling Carter Carroll Teddy Denham Gary Morrow
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The Mayor declared a quorem was present and declared the City Council in session.

The minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1978, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.