

Those present and voting "AYE":

Alderman W. E. Boutwell
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels
Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and abstaining:

Alderman Robert E. Russell
Alderman W. H. Campbell

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

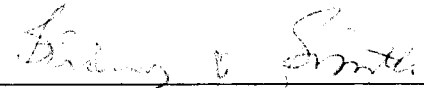
Those present and voting "AYE":

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 special meeting was adjourned on this the 22nd day of January, A. D, 1979, at 10:15 o'clock P. M.



SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk

(SEE PAGE 46 "A" for special meeting of Feb. 1, 1979)

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, in the Board Room of said city on February 6, 1979, at 7:30 P. M.

Those present:

Mayor Sidney O. Smith
City Attorney, Thomas Tyner

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

Others present:

Cecil Creel
B. W. Sullivan
Gary Morrow
Ysidro Salinas
Walt Bumgardner
and others

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

The invocation was offered by George B. Draughn.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 1979, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

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read. 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

The minutes of the special meeting of January 22, 1979, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Alderman Campbell 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 "AYE":

None

The minutes of the special meeting of February 1, 1979, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read. Alderman Runnels 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 called for public comment, but there was none.

WHEREAS, the hour of 7:30 P. M. having arrived, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proceeded to publicly open and read the sealed bids for the construction of a police station. The bids read as follows, to-wit:

February 6, 1979

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Petal
City Clerk's Office
Petal, Ms 39465

We hereby submit our proposal for furnishing all labor and materials for the General Construction, including site work, electrical work, plumbing work, and heating and air conditioning work for the Police Department Building for the City of Petal, Mississippi, according to the Plans and Specifications prepared by Ysidro Salinas, Draftsman, Petal, Mississippi.

Having examined all Special Conditions of the General Specifications, Plans, Specifications, Bulletins, Addenda, and other Contract Documents, and having visited the site of the work and examined all conditions effecting labor, materials, and equipment for the entire General Construction work, including electrical work, site work, etc., as required by said documents for the stipulated Lump Sum of: \$72,700.00)

Seventy-two thousand seven hundred and no/100.....Dollars

If the undersigned is notified of Proposal acceptance within thirty (30) calendar days after proposal date, he agrees to execute a Contract, furnish Performance, Labor and Material Bonds for the above work for the above stated compensation.

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Undersigned further agrees to complete work in 180 calendar days after awarding of Contract.

It is understood by the undersigned that the Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

Contractor's License No. 2408A /s/ B. W. Sullivan B. W. Sullivan, Contractor

Certificate of Responsibility No. 999 Route #6, Box 213M Address

Date 2/06/79 Hattiesburg, Ms 39401 Address

February 6, 1979

TO: The Mayor and Board of Aldermen City of Petal City Clerk's Office Petal, Mississippi 39465

We hereby submit our proposal for furnishing all labor and materials for the General Construction, including site work, electrical work, plumbing work and heating and air conditioning work for the Police Department Building for the City of Petal, Mississippi, according to the Plans and Specifications prepared by Ysidro Salinas, Draftsman, Petal, Mississippi.

Having examined all Special Conditions of the General Specifications, Plans, Specifications, Bulletins, Addenda and other Contract Documents, and having visited the site of work and examined all conditions effecting labor, materials, and equipment for the entire General Construction work, including electrical work, site work, etc., as required by said documents for the stipulated Lump Sum of: \$80,573.00 -

Eighty thousand, five hundred, seventy-three.....DOLLARS

If the undersigned is notified of Proposal acceptance within thirty (30) calendar days after proposal date, he agrees to execute a Contract, furnish Performance, Labor and Material Bonds for the above work for the above stated compensation. Undersigned further agrees to complete work in 140 calendar days after awarding of contract.

It is understood by the undersigned that the Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

Respectfully submitted.

Contractor's License Number 4232A /s/ T. L. Pittman, Jr. T. L. Pittman, Jr. Contractor Certificate of Responsibility Number 4301 608 Maplewood Drive Address Date 2-6-79 Hattiesburg, Ms Address

Telephone: 254-6916

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to take these bids under advisement. 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 Alderman George B. Draughn

Those present and voting "NAY":

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WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil E. Creel of 306 Baker Street, addressed the board concerning the condition of Carterville Road. Mr. Creel stated that the over-loaded gravel trucks are destroying Carterville Road. Mr. Creel requested that the Board contact the Mississippi Vehicle Comptroller and request assistance in putting a stop to these violations. Mr. Creel also requested that the Board consider widening Baker Street to allow two-way traffic.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following request submitted by the Chief of Police. The request read as follows, to-wit:

DATE: February 1, 1979
TO: MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: PAY RAISE

I am requesting, effective January 31, 1979, that Patrolman Steven J. Parsley's salary be raised from Patrolman 3rd Class to Patrolman 2nd Class. He has completed his six month probationary period as required under the city personnel policy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/s/ Gary L. Morrow
Gary L. Morrow, Chief of Police

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DATE: February 1, 1979
TO: MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FROM : CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: PAY RAISE

I am requesting, effective January 31, 1979, that Patrolman Michael Saucier's salary be raised from Patrolman 3rd Class to Patrolman 2nd Class. He has completed his six month probationary period as required under the city personnel policy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/s/ Gary L. Morrow
Gary L. Morrow, Chief of Police

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TO: MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: TRAINING

Gentlemen:

I am requesting one officer be allowed to attend the Firearms Instructor Officer's Training Academy. A firearms expert from the National Rifle Association in Washington, D. C., will instruct the course.

The cost will be \$75.00 per man. The length of the school is for (1) one week, from April 15th to April 20th.

There is no L.E.A.A. funding for this school.

/s/ Gary L. Morrow
Chief Gary L. Morrow

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DATE: February 1, 1979
TO: MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FROM: CHIEF OF POLICE
SUBJECT: TRAINING

I would like to request one (1) man be allowed to attend the

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for a period of nine (9) weeks, beginning April 22, 1979, and ending June 22, 1979. The officer to attend will be Murphy McGill.

Training is provided by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, with 90% from the federal government and 10% match money from the city.

Gary L. Morrow
Gary L. Morrow, Chief of Police

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following orders promoting Steve Parsley and Michael Saucier to Patrolman 2nd Class effective January 31, 1979. Alderman Draughn seconded the motion. The orders read as follows, to-wit:

O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, upon the completion of the six-month probationary period of Steve Parsley, and upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, do hereby promote Steve Parsley to Patrolman 2nd Class.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Steve Parsley be, and he is hereby appointed as Patrolman 2nd Class at a monthly salary of \$772 to serve from January 31, 1979, 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 6th day of February, A. D., 1979.

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O R D E R

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, upon the completion of the six-month probationary period of Michael Saucier, and upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, do hereby promote Michael Saucier to Patrolman 2nd Class.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Michael Saucier be, and he is hereby appointed as Patrolman 2nd Class at a monthly salary of \$772 to serve from January 31, 1979, 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 6th day of February, A. D., 1979.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to send Lt. Johnnie Ray Hinton to the Firearms School at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy, April 15th through April 20th, 1979, at a cost of \$75.00 to the City. Alderman Runnels seconded the motion.

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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 Boutwell made a motion to send Murphy McGill to the Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy in Jackson, April 22, 1979, and June 22, 1979. 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 presented the following letter of resignation from Sandra Liverette, dispatcher in the police department. The letter read as follows, to-wit:

L E T T E R

TO: CHIEF GARY MORROW
 FROM: SANDRA A. LIVERETT
 SUBJECT: RESIGNATION

I, Sandra A. Liverett, regretfully submit my resignation, my last day being January 26, 1979.

Due to my husband's transferral of job to Louisiana, I must resign. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to give a two-weeks notice.

/s/ Sandra A. Liverett
 Sandra A. Liverett

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to accept Mrs. Liverett's letter of resignation. Alderman Campbell 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 presented the following proofs of publication:

- 1) Zoning Ordinance
- 2) Police Department
- 3) Jack Hammer

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion that these proofs of publication be accepted and filed. 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":

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that due to the resignation of Sandra Liverett, a dispatcher is needed in the Police Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following order appointing John F. Gardner as dispatcher at a salary of \$2.90 per hour, effective January 30, 1979. Alderman Campbell 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, deem it necessary to hire a dispatcher due to the resignation of Sandra Liverett.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that John F. Gardner be and he is hereby appointed as dispatcher at a rate of \$2.90 per hour for the City of Petal Police Department, to serve from January 30, 1979, 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 6th day of February, A. D., 1979.

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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, Carter Carroll, Recreation Director, requested permission to attend a Recreation Grant Writing Seminar at U. S. M. on February 13, 1979.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to give Mr. Carroll permission to attend the Seminar and to pay the tuition of \$15.00. 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

WHEREAS, Dr. Walt Bumgardner, Professor of Park Planning and Resource Management at U. S. M. , addressed the Board concerning the location of the city's proposed recreation facility. Dr. Bumgardner stated that of the three available locations, the fairgrounds, the landfill and the Currie Estate, the Currie property was the most suitable in location and possibility for a multi-purpose park and also that the Currie property would probably be the most acceptable for the grant.

THEREUPON, Dr. Bumgardner stated that he would, with the help of his classes, prepare for the Board a design or a layout of the facilities to

be presented with the grant applications, if the Board should decide that the Currie property is suitable.

THEREUPON, Mayor Smith stated that the Currie property would be taken under advisement as the site for the recreation facility.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith reported his findings concerning the inspections on the underground gas storage facilities on Highway 11 North. Mayor Smith stated that the Oil and Gas Board inspects the underground storage twice a year and the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Comptroller inspects the above ground storage tanks twice a year.

WHEREAS, Alderman Runnels made a proposal to the Board concerning the drainage problem in Petal. Alderman Runnels proposed that the Board consider the possibility of having Shows and Dearman survey each lot where a building permit is applied for to determine the drainage needed before building is permitted. Also, Alderman Runnels stated that funding to alleviate current problems could be obtained by - (1) special assessments of property owners, or (2) the city would dig the ditches for culverts if the property owners would furnish the culverts, or (3) the city could survey the problem areas and the city crews could undertake these projects as funding becomes available.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the Board concerning the appointment to the Petal Municipal Separate School District School Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt an order appointing Daniel Yeager to a five-year term on the school board, effective March 3, 1979. Alderman Campbell 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, due to the expiration of the term of Jimmy C. Havard on the Petal Municipal Separate School District Board, deem it necessary to appoint a successor.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Daniel E. Yeager be, and is hereby appointed as Trustee for the Petal Municipal Separate School District with added territory, to serve a five year term from March 3, 1979, to March 3, 1984.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 6th day of February, A. D., 1979.

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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, Alderman Boutwell stated that the City of Hattiesburg has requested the City of Petal get off the 911 emergency phone service. Alderman Boutwell stated that the 911 service has become complicated with many agencies using it. Alderman Boutwell stated that problems are being created by the duplication of street names between the City of Hattiesburg and the City of Petal.

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 4502 through 4574 for

the General Fund of the City of Petal to the Board.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to pay claims numbers 4503 through 4574 for the general fund of the City of Petal. 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, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 481A through 519A for the O & M fund of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to pay claims numbers 481A through 519A for the O & M fund. 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, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 123B through 130 B for the R & E fund of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to pay claims numbers 123B through 130B of the R & E fund. 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, the City Clerk requested permission from the Board to reimburse the following tax payers for overpayment of taxes in 1977.

William E. Jackson - \$14.00
 First Magnolia Federal -\$48.60
 (James R. Brewer)

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to reimburse William E. Jackson \$14.00 and First Magnolia Federal (James R. Brewer) \$48.60 for overpayment of taxes. Alderman Campbell 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 stated that R. G. McMillon, Civil Defense Co-ordinator for the City of Petal, has requested permission to attend a portion of the Certification Program pertinent to Federal Disaster Assistance

Policies and Procedures.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to give Mr. McMillon permission to attend the class and for the city to pay his registration and expenses. 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 bills from South Mississippi Planning and Development for the first quarter October-December and the second quarter after January-March for funds committed for the aged program.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to give the Mayor the authority to write South Mississippi Planning and Development and inform the District that we did not commit any funds from the 1978-1979 Budget for this program. 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 Drake addressed the Board concerning their interpretation of page 1, paragraph 5, of the City Personnel Manual.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to amend page 1, paragraph 5, of the City Personnel Manual to read as follows, to-wit:

PERSONNEL RULES AND
REGULATIONS

Rule 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Purpose. The purpose of these rules is to set forth the principles and procedures that are to be followed by the City in the administration of its personnel program. These rules are not intended to be inflexible; therefore, it is expected that amendments and revisions will be made in the manner provided by the rules whenever these are necessary to assure effective administration of the City's personnel program.

2. Positions Covered. These rules and amendments when approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen shall be applicable to positions in all departments of the City.

3. Administration. These rules shall be administered by the Director of Personnel under the direction of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

4. Using Official Authority. No employee of the City shall use his official authority or influence to coerce the political action of any person or body. No person shall dismiss, or cause to be dismissed, or threaten to dismiss, or make any attempt to procure the dismissal of, or in any manner change the official rank or compensation of, any person in the City because of his political opinions or affiliations. No person in the City shall make any contribution to the campaign funds of any political party of any candidate for public office, or take any part in the management affairs or political campaign of any political party further than in the exercise of his right as a citizen to express his opinion and cast his vote.

5. Becoming a Candidate for Public Office. No employee of

the City shall continue in such position after becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any public office. In the event any employee of the City shall file with the Chairman or other proper officer of any political party within this state, or with the proper officer of the State of Mississippi or any City, County precinct, or other political subdivision of the State of Mississippi, an application or a request to be a nominee of any political party or candidate for public office in this State, same shall constitute an automatic resignation of said City employee without further action by the City of Petal and the Director of Personnel shall terminate said City employee and shall declare said position vacant and said City employee shall be compensated for his services up to and including the day of his filing said application or request. The limitations contained in this section shall not apply to a part-time employee of the City or an employee who derives his principal income from other employment or the practice of a profession.

6. Political or Religious Beliefs or Activity. No discrimination shall be exercised, threatened, or promised against or in favor of any applicant, competitor or eligible, or employee, because of his political opinions or affiliations or religious beliefs or creeds, provided such opinions, beliefs, or creeds do not advocate the overthrow of the Government by force or violence.

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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

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to recess the regular meeting until 7:00 o'clock P. M., February 8, 1979. Alderman Draughn 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 February 6, 1979, was adjourned at 11:30 P. M.

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The recessed meeting of February 6, 1979, was called to order on this the 8th day of February, at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

- Those present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith
City Attorney, Thomas Tyner

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

- Others present: Carter Carroll
Jim Gladden

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen took up for consideration the written request for the changes to the proposed zoning ordinance and

proposed map.

WHEREAS, Carter Carroll, recreation director, reported that Cy Vance of the Board of Recreation in Jackson suggested that the city proceed with the grant for the Board of Recreation in anticipation of a grant approval in October. Mr. Vance stated that Board of Recreation, upon review of the grant, could issue a waiver which would allow any expenses incurred before the official approval of the grant to be reimbursable. Mr. Carter requested that the Board give the Mayor the authority to write a letter to Mr. Vance stating the intent of the City to make application for the matching grant for the purchase of the land and the construction of three ballfields.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to write the aforementioned letter and to issue the check for \$1,875 to execute the six-month option for the purchase of the Currie property. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion. The option read as follows, to-wit:

O P T I O N

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)

COUNTY OF FORREST)

OPTION TO PURCHASE
REAL ESTATE

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00), cash in hand paid, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged, I, GERALD WARD, as Trustee, of those hereinafter set forth, hereinafter called "Seller", do hereby grant unto the City of Petal, A Municipal Corporation, hereinafter called "Buyer", the exclusive right to purchase the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and contract and agree with Buyer as follows, to-wit:

1. Seller presently holds title to the property in Forrest County, Mississippi, described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof and incorporated by reference herein.

2. Seller represents that he holds title to said property, in fee simple, free and clear of all liens.

3. This Option shall be in force and effect until six months from the date hereof and Buyer has the exclusive right and option during said six-month period to purchase the property described herein for the total purchase price and consideration of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) per acre, or a total consideration of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000), representing seventeen (17) acres.

4. In addition to the consideration hereinabove set forth, Purchaser shall pay the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,875.00) at the execution

rice but shall be in addition thereto. If Purchaser fails to exercise said Option, then, in that event, the amount set forth in this paragraph shall be forfeited.

5. In the event Buyer exercises its option hereunder and tenders the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) per acre, then Seller covenants to deliver a conveyance of said property herein, said conveyance to be in the form of a general Warranty Deed, or the form prescribed by law for a Trustee's conveyance, conveying said land in fee simple to Grantee, free and clear of all liens. Provided, however, that said Deed shall reserve a water and/or sewer easement along the southerly portion of said property to service the remaining property of Seller herein.

6. In the event of the exercise of this Option, all ad valorem taxes assessed against said property for the year 1979 shall be prorated.

7. If on or before six months from the date of the execution hereof, Buyer has not exercised its option to purchase as provided for herein, then this instrument shall become null, void and of no effect, and as if never entered into, and shall no longer remain binding upon the parties hereto in any respect.

8. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and may not be modified except in writing executed by both parties.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURES of Buyer and Seller, in duplicate on this the 26th day of January, 1979.

/s/ Gerald Ward
 Seller, Gerald Ward, as Trustee for Terry Anderson Currie, Edward Alexander Currie, Jr., Overton Anderson Currie, Lavona Stringer Currie, Daniel McMahan Currie, Billy Bob Currie, Ida Terry Currie, Overton Anderson Currie, Jr., Martha Lavona Currie, Lucy Flora Currie, Marcia Terry Currie Trust, Dora Lynn Currie Trust, Sandra Helen Currie Trust, Lina Leigh Currie Trust, Susan Floy CURrie Trust, Mildred Elizabeth Currie Trust, Judy Stringer Currie Trust, Edward Alexander Currie, Jr., Trust, Daniel McMahan Currie Trust, Iva Terry Currie Trust, Overton Anderson Currie, Jr., Trust, Martha Lavona Currie Trust, Lucy Flora Currie Trust, 1976 Iva Terry Currie Trust, 1976 Overton Anderson Currie, Jr., Trust, 1976 Martha Lavona Currie Trust, 1976 Lucy Flora Currie Trust, 1976 Judy Stringer Currie Trust.

SELLER

CITY OF PETAL

BY: /s/ Sidney O. Smith
 MAYOR

MINUTES — Petal, Mississippi

ATTEST: /s/ Priscilla C. Daniel
CLERK

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
COUNTY OF FORREST)

THIS DAY personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said jurisdiction, the above and within named GERALD WARD, as Trustee for the above named GERALD WARD, as Trustee for the above named Sellers, who, after being by me first duly sworn, stated that upon oath that he signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing Option to Purchase Real Estate for and on behalf of said Sellers after having been first duly authorized to do so.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal of office on this the 26th day of January, A. D., 1979.

/s/ Mary B. Rainey
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

January 4, 1981
(SEAL)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)
COUNTY OF FORREST)

THIS DAY personally came and appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said jurisdiction, the above within named SIDNEY O. SMITH, Mayor of the City of Petal, who, being by me first duly sworn, stated upon oath that he signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing Option to Purchase Real Estate for and on behalf of said City of Petal, after having been first duly authorized so to do.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and official seal of office on this the 9th day of February, A. D., 1979.

/s/ Martha Ann Waller
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

August 1, 1982
(SEAL)

EXHIBIT "A"

That part of the West three-quarters (3/4) of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, situate and being North of a public road, Section One (1) Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Forrest County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section, Township and Range, and run thence West 1004.7 feet, more or less, to the NE Corner of the J. T. Ware Subdivision; thence run South 1175 feet, more or less, to the North margin of a public road; thence run in a Northeasterly direction along the North margin line of said public road 1315.6 feet, more or less, to a point South of the Point of Beginning; thence run North 309.6 feet back to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section One, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Forrest County, Mississippi.

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Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

Those present and abstaining:

George B. Draugh

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith requested the wishes of the Board concerning the bids for the construction of the police department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to accept B. W. Sullivan's low bid of \$72,700 for the police station. 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

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion that no changes or alterations are to be made to the plans or construction of the police station without the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. 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

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following order concerning Joe Barron's salary as Administrative Assistant. 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, deem it necessary to increase the pay scale for Joe Barron, Administrative Assistant.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the new pay scale for Joe Barron shall be at the rate of \$4500 per year.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this pay scale become effective February 12, 1979.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 8th day of February, A. D., 1979.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adopt the foregoing order and to revise Mr. Barron's travel expense to \$85.00. Alderman Draughn 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 presented the following request from Robert Drake, municipal judge, concerning the court clerk's salary.

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The letter read as follows, to-wit:

L E T T E R

January 25, 1979

TO: Mayor and Board of Aldermen

FROM: Judge Robert F. Drake

SUBJECT: Pay Raise

Gentlemen:

I am requesting, effective March 1, 1979, that Mrs. Elizabeth Brewer's salary be raised from \$550.00 per month to \$600.00 per month. Mrs. Brewer's job performance, aptitude and attitude toward her job warrants this raise. She has completed her six-month probationary period as required under the city personnel policy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/s/ Robert F. Drake
Robert F. Drake

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THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the foregoing order to raise the court clerk's salary to \$600 per month effective March 1, 1979. 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

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 recessed meeting of February 6, 1979, was adjourned on this the 8th day of February, A. D, 1979, at 9:45 P. M.

Sidney O. Smith
SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Priscilla C. Daniel
Priscilla C. Daniel, City Clerk