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WHEREAS, the Mayor presented the following Proofs of Publication to the Board:

- (1) Sewer Main Repair (2) Public Notice-Charles Walker
- (3) Ordinance 1977 (38-A) (4) Public Notice-M. G. Gibbons
- (5) Notice to Bidders-Timber (6) Resolution-1979 Tax Rolls

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion that the foregoing proofs of publication be accepted and filed. 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 letters of resignation.

The letters read as follows, to-wit:

DATE: October 31, 1979

TO: CHIEF HENRY M. BOUNDS

FROM: DISPATCHER ROBERT S. OWENS

SUBJECT: RESIGNATION

I hereby respectfully submit my resignation effective October 31, 1979.

I have truly enjoyed working within this department. I will always appreciate the fact that I had the opportunity to work with such a fine department. It has truly been an honor and I will always consider it a privilege.

I have been offered the position of Patrolman at Richton, Mississippi. After much thought, I feel this will be better for furthering my education in Law Enforcement.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support in the past.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ Robert S. Owens
Robert S. Owens

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TO: CHIEF HENRY BOUNDS

FROM: Tim Palmer

DATE: November 1, 1979

SUBJECT: Resignation

This is to inform you that I respectfully submit my resignation effective November, 1, 1979.

It has been a great pleasure working in this department with so many nice people. I will miss everyone of you.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Tim Palmer
Tim Palmer

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THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to accept the foregoing letters of resignation. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion.

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":

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None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith presented the following orders hiring Lola B. Simmons and Wanda Lee Hicks as dispatchers effective November 1, 1979, at a rate of pay of \$3.25 per hour. 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, deem it necessary to hire a dispatcher due to the resignation of Robert Owens.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Lola B. Simmons be, and she is hereby appointed as dispatcher at a rate of pay of \$3.25 per hour for the City of Petal Police Department, to serve from November 1, 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 November, 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, deem it necessary to hire a dispatcher due to the resignation of Tim Palmer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Wanda Lee Hicks be, and she is hereby appointed as dispatcher at a rate of pay of \$3.25 per hour for the City of Petal Police Department, to serve from November 1, 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 November, A. D., 1979.

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THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to adopt the foregoing orders. 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 stated that the low bid for the office supplies opened on October 16, 1979, was from Office Supply Company (OSCO).

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to accept OSCO's bid for the office supplies. 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

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Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that the low bid for the printing bid opened October 16, 1979, was from Hays Printing Company.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to accept Hay's Printing bid for the City. Aldermen 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, there having been no protest or objections to the assessment rolls filed with the city clerk, the Mayor presented the following order to the Board. The order read as follows, to-wit:

O R D E R

ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, APPROVING
THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
ROLLS FOR THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, AND
THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WITH
ADDED TERRITORIES, FOR THE YEAR 1979, AFTER
HEARING AND CONSIDERING ALL OBJECTIONS
AND CORRECTIONS TO SAID ROLLS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the assessment rolls of Real and Personal Property in said City and the Municipal Separate School District, with added territories for the year 1979, have theretofore been prepared, corrected and revised in the manner authorized and provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said City do further find, determine and adjudge that they have heretofore completed the equalization, correction and revision of the aforesaid Assessment Rolls and the assessments therein contained, subject to the right of the parties in interest to be heard on objections, said Order adopted approving said Rolls and Assessments therein, having recited the total assessment of the Real Property Roll in the amount of \$10,233,230, and having separately recited the total assessment of the Personal Property Roll, excluding Public Utilities and Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$1,157,560 for the City of Petal, and having recited the total assessment of the Real Property Roll in the amount of \$6,097,050, and the Personal Property Roll, excluding Public Utilities and Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$3,419,260 for the Municipal Separate School District; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal do further find, determine and adjudge that they have heretofore given and caused to be published on

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1979, in the Hattiesburg American, a daily newspaper published in Forrest County, Mississippi, and having a general circulation in the City of Petal, Mississippi, the following public notice:

PUBLIC NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
AND TAXPAYERS OF THE
CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI
AND
THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE
SCHOOL DISTRICT

You are hereby notified that the ad valorem assessment rolls of real and personal property in the City of Petal, Mississippi, and the Petal Municipal Separate School District, exclusive of motor vehicles, and the assessments therein have been filed, equalized and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, according to law, subject to the right of the public and taxpayers to object to any of said assessments.

You are hereby notified that the said rolls are now ready for inspection and examination by the public and taxpayers in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 119 West 8th Avenue, Petal, Mississippi, 39465, and that any objections to said rolls or any assessments therein contained shall be made in writing and filed with the City Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at the aforesaid address on or before 12:00 o'clock noon on November 6, 1979, and that all assessments to which no written objections have been filed will then and there be finally approved by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen. All assessments to which written objections are made will be heard and determined by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen and the said assessment rolls will thereupon and then be finally approved.

You are further notified that the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen will convene at said meeting at 7:30 o'clock P. M., November 6, 1979, and then commence hearing any such objections to said rolls and assessments and will remain in session from day to day thereafter considering such objections until all parties in interest have been heard and such objections determined and disposed of, as set forth in said petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi:

SECTION I.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the

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authority of said City of Petal, do now find, determine and adjudge that the assessment rolls of real and personal property in the City of Petal and the Municipal Separate School District with added territories, for the year 1979, and the assessments therein contained, said objections and protests being heard and equalized where required, should be and the same are hereby apporved as correct and are made final, including and incorporating the changes requested as set forth in the petition of Priscilla C. Daniel, Tax Assessor of the City of Petal, Mississippi.

SECTION II.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the grand total of the Real Property Assessment Roll of said City for the year 1979 as is now hereby approved is \$10,266,715 and the grand total of the Real Property Assessment Roll of Municipal Separate School District is now hereby approved is \$6,091,400.00.

SECTION III.

That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, do now find, determine and adjudge that the grand total of the Personal Property Assessment Roll of the City of Petal, excluding Public Utilities and Motor Vehicles, as now here approved is \$ 10,266,715 and the grand total of the Personal Property Roll of the Municipal Separate School District with added territories, as now hereby approved is \$6,091,400 and until any proper corrections shall have been made in said rolls, whereupon they will then and there be finally approved by the said Mayor and Board of Aldermen as provided by law.

SECTION IV.

That this Resolution will be in force and effect from and after its passage.

By order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the fifth (5th) day of September, A. D., 1979.

CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said City of Petal, do further find, determine and adjudge that the Proof

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with the City Clerk of said City on the 6th day of November, 1979, and the same is now on file in the office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., November 6, 1979, at the time and place set forth in the Public Notice to the public and taxpayers of the City of Petal, Mississippi, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proceeded to hear the protest and objections to the assessment rolls of the taxpayers or other parties in interest, all aldermen being present to hear objections. All protests and objections having then been heard, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proceeded to equalize and adjust the real property assessment roll.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of November, 1979, Priscilla C. Daniel, Tax Assessor of the City of Petal, Mississippi, caused to be filed her petition to change the Assessment Roll of Real Property for the City of Petal, and the Municipal Separate School District with added territories, in various particulars, and that notice was duly and properly given to the taxpayers and real parties in interest affected by said petition, advising said taxpayers and parties in interest that any and all objections to the changes set forth in said petition were required to be made on or before 12:00 o'clock noon, November 6, 1979, and said time for objections has passed and there being filed objections, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen proceeded to hear such protests and objections on November 6, 1979, from taxpayers and other parties in interest.

SECTION V.

That the City Clerk of the City of Petal, Mississippi, be and she is hereby directed and authorized to deal with the Personal Property Assessment Roll and the Real Property Assessment Roll and the assessments therein contained, as provided by law.

The foregoing Order having been reduced to writing, the same was introduced and read and a vote was taken thereon, first section by section, then upon the Order as a whole, with the following results:

Those present and voting "AYE" and in favor of the passage of each section of the foregoing Order and upon the foregoing Order as a whole:

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" or against any section of the foregoing Order or against the foregoing Order as a whole:

None

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WHEREUPON, the foregoing Order be, and the same is hereby passed, adopted and approved on this the 6th day of November, A. D., 1979.

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

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla C. Daniel
Priscilla C. Daniel
City Clerk

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THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to adopt the foregoing order. 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 stated that the City of Petal sanitation truck was involved in an accident with Eron Reid.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to give the Mayor the authority to request an opinion from an adjustor. 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 a request from the State Ladies Bowling Association for the City to purchase an ad in the tournament program.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion not to purchase an ad in the tournament program. 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, Alderman Campbell stated that the overloaded trucks are damaging the streets of Petal.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to have the city attorney draft an ordinance setting load limits on the streets of Petal other than the U. S. and State-Aid Highways. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

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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, Mayor Smith presented claims numbers 5561 through 5608 of the general fund of the City of Petal.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to pay claims numbers 5561 through 5608. 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 claim number 776-A through 801-A of the O & M fund and claims numbers 206-B through 221-B of the R & E fund of the City of Petal Water and Sewer Department.

THEREUPON, Alderman Runnels made a motion to pay O & M claims numbers 741-A through 764-A and R & E claims numbers 189-B through 203-B. 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 claims numbers 205-B and 221-B of the R & E fund to Mr. Southall and D. W. Lott, Jr., to pay for water and sewer easements.

THEREUPON, Alderman Draughn made a motion to accept the water and sewer easements and to pay claims numbers 205-B and 221-B 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 Robert E. Russell
Alderman Bobby W. Runnels

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith stated that Clark Construction Company has completed the clean-up of the hurricane debris.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to authorize the city clerk to publish the Notice To All Interested Parties and upon receipt of the release from Mr. Clark's bonding company, to pay the balance of \$9,400.00.

Alderman Campbell seconded the motion. The Notice read as follows, to-wit:

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NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

This is to advise that the Contract between the City of Petal and the Clarke Construction Company of Chatom, Alabama, for the removal of debris caused by Hurricane Frederic has been completed as of November 2, 1979. Final payment of this contract will be made within ten (10) days of this Notice.

Any persons having a valid claim pertaining to the above project must present claim within ten (10) days to the City of Petal.

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By /s/ Priscilla C. Daniel
Priscilla C. Daniel
City Clerk

Those present and voting "AYE":

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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Alderman Boutwell stated that the City is still in need of a retirement plan for the city employees.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to write letters to the local senators and representatives requesting the passage of a local and private House Bill for the City of Petal to obtain a local retirement program for the City employees. 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 stated that he had obtained the proper forms to request the aid of the Mississippi National Guard in clearing and grubbing the land for the proposed recreational facility.

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the following agreement with the Mississippi National Guard. Alderman Boutwell seconded the motion. The agreement read as follows, to-wit:

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF FORREST RELEASE BY City of Petal

WHEREAS, there have been occasions over the years when the governing authorities of City of Petal have requested that certain personnel and equipment of the Mississippi National Guard be utilized to perform certain tasks, repairs, and work on publicly-owned real and personal properties as part of the train-

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ing program of the National Guard Units; and WHEREAS, the City of Petal has requested the National Guard to perform services and to utilize equipment to clear, grub, and move dirt on or about the 15th day of November, 1979;

and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Military Department has now been required to provide more protection for its federally-owned equipment and National Guard personnel when performing such tasks and repairs with such tasks and repairs with such equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing authorities of the City of Petal, Mississippi, at an official meeting thereof and after a motion being duly made and seconded and carried authorizing this release to be executed by its Mayor and City Clerk to-wit:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: In consideration of the use of service and equipment of the National Guard and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed, the City of Petal, Mississippi, hereby releases and forever discharges the members of the Mississippi National Guard, the Mississippi Military Department, the Department of Defense and its subsidiary agencies and personnel, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action or suits which may arise or accrue to said City of Petal and its officers, agents, and employees, by virtue of the use of National Guard personnel and equipment in performing tasks, making repairs, and other work performed to publicly-owned real and personal property by units of the Mississippi National Guard.

WHEREAS, WITNESS THE SIGNATURE of the Mayor of the City of Petal, Mississippi, on this the 6th day of November, 1979.

/s/ Sidney O. Smith
MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

/s/ Priscilla C. Daniel
Priscilla C. Daniel
City Clerk

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COMMANDER:

The City of Petal, Mississippi, request your unit's participation in a city park development, a community assistance project.

Your assistance in this project will not be in competition with, nor deny awarding of work to local contractors.

The City of Petal assumes all responsibility and liability for any injuries or deaths of civilian personnel in connection with this assistance.

The City of Petal assumes all responsibility and liability for

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damage to:

- Existing Facilities
- Underground Utility Systems
- Above Ground Utility Systems
- Trees
- Fences, Walls, Sidewalks
- Streets

The City of Petal in recognition of the benefits to be received relieves the State of Mississippi and the U S Government of any responsibility and liability by execution of the attached release. In support of this project the City of Petal proposes to furnish the National Guard the following:

Engineering assistance, plans and guidance.

MAYOR, CITY OF PETAL

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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, Mayor Smith stated that Florrie Jennings, crossguard, has had to be off due to illness and that a replacement is needed to fill in during Mrs. Jennings' absence.

THEREUPON, Alderman Boutwell made a motion to adopt the following order appointing Minnie Hatch as part-time crossguard for the Petal Police Department. Alderman Draughn 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 part-time cross-guard due to the illness of Florrie Jennings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Minnie Hatch be, and she is hereby appointed as part-time crossguard for the Petal Police Department at a rate of pay of \$2.90 per hour, to serve from October 20, 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 November, 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

THEREUPON, Alderman Russell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Campbell

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seconded the motion.

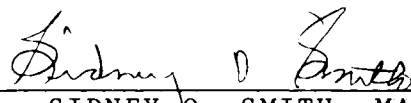
Those present and voting "AYE":

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



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, on November 20, 1979, at 7:30 P. M., in the Board Room of the said City.

Those present:	Sidney O. Smith, Mayor
City Attorney:	Thomas Tyner
Aldermen:	W. E. Boutwell W. H. Campbell George B. Draughn Robert E. Russell Bobby W. Runnels (arrived at 10 o'clock)

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

The invocation was offered by Robert E. Russell.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 1979, were read by Priscilla C. Daniel.

THEREUPON, Alderman Campbell made a motion to accept the minutes as 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

Those present and voting "NAY":

None

WHEREAS, Mayor Smith called for public comment, but there was none.