

BE IT REMEMBERED that there was begun and held the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi at 7:30 PM on March 15, 1988 in the Board Room of said City.

Those present: Mayor Sidney O. Smith

City Attorney: Thomas Tyner

Aldermen W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Others present: Myra Brasch
Jimmy Walters
Lloyd Ward

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

The invocation was offered by R. L. Hullum.

WHEREAS Alderman Hullum made a motion that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 1988 be accepted as written. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

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

WHEREAS Myra Brasch of the Petal Chapter of the AARP, presented the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a plaque in appreciation for the use of the City's Board Room for the association's meetings.

THEREUPON Lloyd Ward stated that the AARP will be moving to the Sunrise Club House for their meetings as they need more room. Mr. Ward stated that the AARP would like to recommend that the City build a community center at the City Park similar to the ones built at Sunrise and Macedonia.

WHEREAS Mayor Smith presented the following proofs of publication to the Board:

- 1) Public Hearing - Variance Emma May
- 2) Public Hearing - Variance Shirley Saulters
- 3) Public Hearing - Zoning Change - Jack Odom

THEREUPON Alderman Campbell made a motion that the foregoing proofs be accepted and filed. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Mayor Smith presented a zoning change request for James W. Rivers property at 121 West Cherry.

THEREUPON Alderman Campbell made a motion that the zoning hearing be set for April 12, 1988 at 7:00 PM. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

WHEREAS Alderman Ratliff made a motion to advertise for bids for the emergency power system for Plant C. Alderman Hullum seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott.

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS the City Clerk requested the Board adopt the following order for a partial cancellation on the 1985 taxes and a cancellation for the 1986 taxes on parcel #629380-040 in the name of Lendon Lee.

ORDER

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi deem it necessary to cancel the following 1986 taxes on parcel #629380-040 in the name of Lendon Lee and to partial cellation of the 1985 taxes on pcl #629380-040 also in the name of Lendon Lee.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi on this the 15th day of March, A.D., 1988

THEREUPON Alderman Scott made a motion that the forgoing order be adopted. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS the proration for the month of February was presented to the Board.

WHEREAS Alderman Campbell made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

THEREUPON Alderman Hullum made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Alderman Ratliff seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Street Superintendant Zollie Stevens presented the following list of streets to be paved at an approximate cost of \$54,400.00.

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| Robinson Road | Starlane & Oaklawn |
| Skyland Terrace | Ridgemont Lane |
| Sunset Drive | Beverly Drive |
| Greenhill Drive | Rainbow Circle |
| Fairchild Drive | |

THEREUPON Alderman Hullum made a motion to authorize the paving of the aforementioned streets at the new bid price. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
R. L. Hullum
Willie H. Ratliff
Leroy Scott

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Alderman Scott made a motion to adopt the following orders hiring Barry Boler and James Thompson as part-time employees in the Recreation Dept. at a rate of pay of \$3.35 per hour effective immediately. Alderman Hullum seconded the motion.

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ORDER

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi deem it necessary to hire part-time help in the Recreation Department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Barry Boler be and he is hereby employed part-time in the Recreation Dept. effective 3/15/88 at a rate of pay of \$3.35 per hour until further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi on this the 15th day of March, A.D., 1988

ORDER

WHEREAS the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi deem it necessary to hire part-time help in the Recreation Department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that James T. Thompson be and he is hereby employed part-time in the Recreation Dept. effective 3/15/88 at a rate of pay of \$3.35 per hour until further orders of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi on this the 15th day of March, A.D., 1988

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Alderman Hullum made a motion to authorize Tommy Freeman and Ralph Yawn to attend the 1001 Fire School at the academy in Jackson March 13 - 25th, 1988 and to pay their expenses. Alderman Campbell seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Alderman Hullum made a motion to appoint Oliver W. Pittman, Jr. to fill Ernest Montague's unexpired term ending in July of 1989 on the At-Large post of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

Those present and voting "NAY": None

WHEREAS Alderman Ratliff presented a letter from Robert Powell concerning the actions of Lin Thompson and upon the recommendation of Mr. Powell, Mr. Ratliff made a motion to terminate Lin Thompson's employment with the City of Petal effective 3/1/88 at noon. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

WHEREAS Mayor Smith stated that the City has received a letter from W. E. Boutwell dated 3/11/88 in which Boutwell contends that unnamed "City Officials" have made personal threats against him and in light of this, Mayor Smith stated that he has not made any threats against Mr. Boutwell and he would inquire of all officials of the City as to whether or not any of them have ever made any threats against Mr. Boutwell:

The responses were as follows:

Alderman Hullum "No"
 Alderman Ratliff "No"
 Alderman Campbell "No"
 Alderman Scott "No"
 City Attorney Thomas W. Tyner "No"
 City Clerk Priscilla C. Daniel "No"

The Mayor also received responses from other City Officials as reported by the following:

Alderman Campbell reported Chief Bounds response "No"
 Mayor Smith reported Judge Gunter's response "No"
 Alderman Hullum reported Fire Chief Hamm's response "No"
 Alderman Scott reported Building Inspector Barlow's response "No"

THEREUPON Mayor Smith requested that the letter received from Mr. Boutwell be made a part of the minutes.

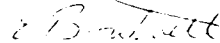
March 11, 1988

City of Petal
 Mayor and Aldermen
 New City Hall Building
 Petal, Mississippi 39465

Dear Sirs:

Due to numerous personal threats that have been made against me by City officials in Petal and also private threats made to my family, I am hereby tendering my resignation as City Alderman for the City of Petal as of this date.

Sincerely,



W. E. Boutwell

THEREUPON Alderman Hullum made a motion that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen respond to Mr. Boutwell's letter with the following letter and to authorize the City Clerk to mail this response by certified mail. Alderman Scott seconded the motion.

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CITY OF PETAL

POST OFFICE BOX 564
PETAL, MISSISSIPPI 39465
March 15, 1988

SIDNEY O. SMITH
MAYOR
W.E. BOUTWELL
W.H. CAMPBELL
WILLIE H. RATLIFF
R.L. HULLUM
LEROY SCOTT
ALDERMAN
PRISCILLA C. DANIEL
CITY CLERK
HENRY BOUNDS
CHIEF OF POLICE
THOMAS W. TYNER
CITY ATTORNEY

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As written and submitted by your letter of March 11, 1988, your resignation cannot be accepted.

Sincerely your,

Sidney O. Smith
Sidney O. Smith, Mayor

W. H. Campbell
W. H. Campbell, Alderman

R. L. Hullum
R. L. Hullum, Alderman

Willie H. Ratliff
Willie H. Ratliff, Alderman

Leroy Scott
Leroy Scott, Alderman

W. E. Boutwell
113 Sunset Drive
Petal, Mississippi 39465

Dear Mr. Boutwell:

This is to acknowledge your letter to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen dated March 11, 1988.

While we would respect your wishes and accept a formal resignation, your letter makes certain claims which greatly concern the Mayor and the Board.

We are sure that you and your family have reported to the proper law enforcement authorities the threats that are described in your letter. We trust that the local law enforcement authorities shall be diligent in their efforts and an appropriate resolution had concerning your allegations.

While this Board has no law enforcement function, we are greatly concerned about your allegations regarding "City Officials". All officials of the City of Petal have been questioned and all deny that they have made any threats against you. If you have any information to the contrary we respectfully request that you provide us with this information immediately.

Our obligation to the City of Petal requires that we investigate your complaints and take appropriate action. Your cooperation in this regard is requested.

Please provide us, within the next five days, the information concerning alleged threats made against you by "City Officials", including the name of the "City Official" involved, the date and place the alleged threat was made, and the exact language used which you considered to be a threat.

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Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

Those present and voting "NAY": None

THEREUPON Alderman Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Hullum seconded the motion.

Those present and voting "AYE": W. H. Campbell
Leroy Scott
R. L. Hullum
Willie Ratliff

Those present and voting "NAY": None

Therebeing no further business, the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was adjourned on this the 15th day of March, A.D., 1988.

Sidney O. Smith
SIDNEY O. SMITH, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Priscilla C. Daniel
PRISCILLA C. DANIEL
CITY CLERK