



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

October 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Board Room • 119 W 8th Ave, Petal MS

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Tony Ducker
Alderman Drew Brickson
Alderman Craig Bullock
Alderman Mike Lott
Alderman Blake Nobles
Alderman Gerald Steele
Alderman Craig Strickland
Alderman Steve Stringer

Invocation was offered by Mike Lott.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

CONSENT AGENDA

- Privilege License Report - Sept 2023
- Proof of Publication
 - Hearing Date - 126 S George St
- Animal Control Stats Jan 2023 - Current
- Resignation - Jeremy Henley, Fire Dept eff. Oct. 17, 2023
- Court Balances - Sept 2023
- Utility Billing Aging - Sept 2023
- Resignation - S Heintz; Building Dept eff. 10/25/2023

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joel Parker; 300 Ford Dr. - Mr. Parker stated that he did not get use of the water due to a hose being left on. Motion to find that the customer did not receive use of the water and authorize the city clerk to adjust the bill according to the 6 month average. Steve, Gerald - All

Valerie Wilson on behalf of the Petal Children's Task Force. Request to be presenting sponsor Annual 5K Run at a cost of \$7,500.00. Motion to authorize sponsorship in the amount of \$7,500.00. Craig B, Mike - All

Nathaniel McDaniel - Petal Jaycees; Request to use Petal Civic Center on Nov 11 at no charge for Chili Cookoff to raise funds for Veterans groups and Petal Jaycees. Craig B, Blake - All

Tim Dunne - 260 Wildwood Trail; asking status of upgrades to that end of Wildwood Trail.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Proclamation honoring Scott Berry. (Mayor)

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

There will be an event at Magnolia State Bank on Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. honoring Coach Berry.

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to adopt Resolution authorizing application of MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Grant for Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "B"

Resolution

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to authorize the city clerk to pay \$196,428.19 to DEQ for early payoff of SLRF loan. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to accept Supplemental Agreement #4 with C B Developers for Dawson Cutoff Sewer Replacement per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to approve Longevity Pay policy. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "C"

Longevity Pay Policy

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Voting Nay: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele

Request to set a public hearing date for property located at 106 Stevens St. (G Steele)

Bach Stabile, owner, addressed the board regarding the property. He has provided an appraisal to the building department.

Motion to have Amy Heath set a public hearing and notify Mr. Stabile of date and time.

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to accept Supplemental Agreement #1 in the amount of (\$121,029.73) with Warren Paving, Inc. for 2022 Street Overlay per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to advertise for and make final payment to Warren Paving in the amount of \$80,764.37 for 2022 Street Overlay per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$207,679.03 to Grady Crawford Construction for Eastover Sewer per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$54,569.53 to Holliday Construction, LLC for Sherry Lynn Dr Culvert Replacement per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to appoint Jamie Steele to the Library Board. (M Lott)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Steele

Request to approve the following variances for The 3D School new building per the Planning Commission recommendation. (A Heath)

- Side Setback reduce from 15ft to 9ft
- Allow vehicles to back into street from parking spaces
- Reduce number of required parking spaces
- Vary onsite lighting from 2 foot candles per square foot to 0.2 foot candles per square foot

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Steele

Request to set a hearing date of Nov. 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for property located at 206 Springfield Rd. (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to deem Glenwood Sewer Main failure an emergency and proceed with repairs per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to accept the Service Agreement Amendment with Clearwater Solutions, LLC. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "D"

Agreement

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to transfer one (1) desktop airlift from the Judicial Dept to the Financial Dept. (Court Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to authorize Judicial Dept to send one (1) HP Officejet Pro 8620, Asset #02330, to auction. (Court Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to refund J Cedotal cash bond in the amount of \$1,079.00. (Court Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to submit Intent to Participate Letter for Hazard Mitigation and Letter naming Drew Brickson as the City of Petal Representative.

Motion to name Drew Brickson as the City of Petal Representative.

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to adjust services billed to 112 Cameron St - Master Meter as follows due to a leak:

Water - \$2,055.00

Late Fee - \$391.69

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Request to adjust water services billed to 404 E 4th Ave in the amount of \$48.00 due to a leak. (K Fuentes)

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Mario Weathersby and Cody Barber to attend Tank Car Specialist Training in Pueblo, CO on Nov 6 - 10, 2023. Total cost: 0 (Chief Hendry)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

MAYOR'S REPORT

Halloween hours have been recommended as 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.. The state is still under a burn ban.

Motion to change Halloween hours to 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2023.

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer

Gerald Steele has spoken to a fluoride vendor and will transfer information over to CWS.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

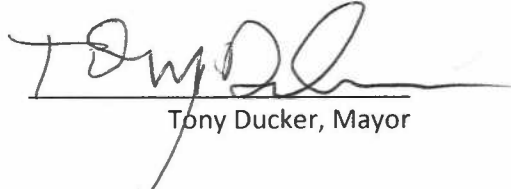
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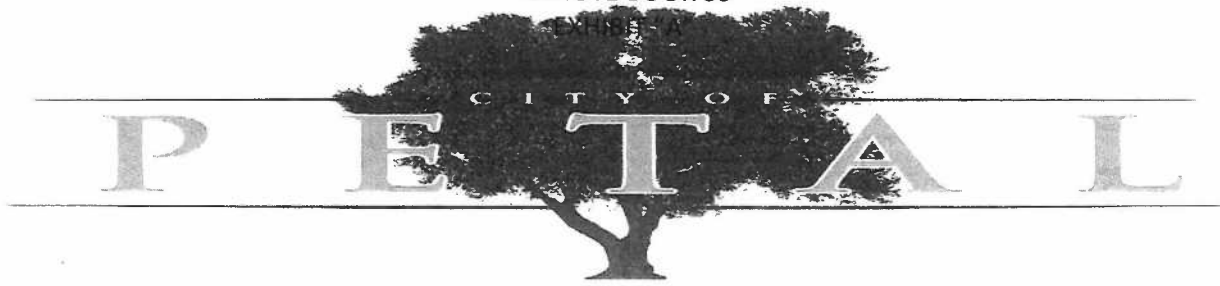
Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderman Stringer



Melissa Martin, City Clerk


Tony Ducker, Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas Coach Scott Berry has brought honor and recognition on our community,

Whereas he has been a national leader in college baseball,

Whereas he continues to uphold the high standards in which he served the University of Southern Mississippi for more than 20 years.

I hereby present this meritorious proclamation upon his retirement and note that Coach Berry is always welcome in the Friendly City of Petal.

Tony Ducker, Mayor

CITY OF PETAL
MINUTE BOOK 39
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration is soliciting projects for the MS OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST (MOST) Act for outdoor recreation projects, and

WHEREAS, the City of Petal desires to submit an application for Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements and

WHEREAS, the City of Petal acknowledges that if the project is awarded, grant funding will not exceed the amount requested in the application or eligible project costs, whichever is less, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Petal authorizes the preparation and submission of applications for the MS Outdoor Stewardship Trust Act and authorizes the execution of such grants and/or related documents required for commencement of the project.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Alderman Nobles, seconded by Alderman Strickland, and was adopted by the by the following vote, to-wit:

Those present and voting "AYE" and in favor of the Passage, adoption, and approval of the Foregoing Resolution:

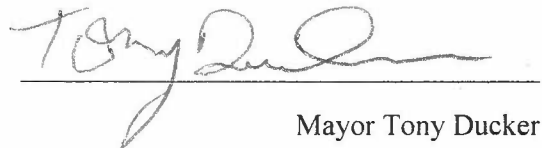
Alderman Drew Brickson
Alderman Craig Bullock
Alderman Mike Lott
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Alderman Gerald Steele
Alderman Craig Strickland
Alderman Steve Stringer

Those present and voting "NAY" or against the adoption of the Resolution.

None

The above foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the mayor, this the 17th day of October, 2023.





Mayor Tony Ducker



Melissa Martin, City Clerk

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06/17/2013

Longevity Pay

All full-time employees, as defined in the Employee Handbook, who have completed five full years of continuous service, as of the end of the fiscal year, shall be eligible for longevity pay.

In addition to the salary set by the applicable pay schedule, eligible employees, shall receive an annual benefit equal to \$10.00 longevity pay for each full month of completed, continuous service as of the beginning of the fiscal year after they become eligible, not to exceed 30 years of continuous service.

The payment for vested longevity pay shall be included in that employee's salary payment for the second pay period of the month of November, not to exceed 30 years of continuous service. One twenty-sixth of each employee's annual longevity pay amount shall vest with each employee for each pay period of service of the fiscal year.

If an employee terminates service prior to payment of longevity pay in a lump sum, the employee will receive the vested portion of the annual longevity pay amount determined by dividing the annual amount by 26 and multiplying the quotient by the number of pay periods of service since the beginning of the fiscal year, not to exceed 30 years of continuous service.

**SERVICE AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT #1**

**CLEARWATER SOLUTIONS, LLC
AND
THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI**

This amendment (the Amendment) is made to the Professional Service Agreement by Clearwater Solutions, LLC and the City of Petal, Mississippi, parties to the Agreement (the Agreement) dated October 1, 2022.

The Agreement shall be amended as follows:

Article -V – Compensation shall be amended as follows:

1. It is mutually understood and agreed upon by both parties that the Service Provider shall be compensated for an additional \$8,494.92 per month for a total Annual Fee of \$1,574,939.00 (\$131,244.92 monthly). This shall cover the difference in salary for a new employee outside of the pay scale's contracted allowance, and fuel cost.

Except as set forth in this Amendment, the Agreement is unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is conflict between this amendment and the Agreement or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

All other Service Agreement terms and conditions in the existing Agreement dated October 1, 2022, shall remain in full force and effect.

The City of Petal

By: _____

Name: Tony Ducker

Title: Mayor

Date: 10/18/2023

ClearWater Solutions, LLC

By: Rick Arliff

Name: Rick Arliff

Title: Chief Operations Officer

Date: 10/1/23