



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2025

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 via phone
 Alderman Mike Lott
 Alderman Blake Nobles
 Alderman Gerald Steele
 Alderman Craig Strickland
 Alderwoman Kim Stringer

ABSENT

Alderman Craig Bullock

Invocation was offered by Alderman Craig Strickland

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Public Hearing 10/07/2025
- Minutes - Regular Meeting 10/07/2025
- Proofs of Publication
 - Public Notice - 145 W 4th Ave
 - Public Notice - Branden Lane
- Privilege License Report for September 2025.
- Revenue & Expenditure Report for month of Sept. 2025
- Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Management Authority FY2025 Audit

Motion made by Alderman Brickson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael French; is renovating a home on Green St, has been sick and unable to work causing him to get behind on his bills. Rocky advised that the city cannot forgive the charges, but they can put him on a payment plan.

Cassandra Knue; has been a resident on Branden Lane since 2018. Spoke in opposition to the zoning change and proposed number of homes to be built. The road is already in bad shape, the bus doesn't go down the road, however, the garbage truck does.

Kammie Carpenter; PACC Events: Tailgate & Celebrate Friday night at Homecoming. Shop Petal First book goes to print tomorrow. Veteran's Day Celebration on Nov 11. Nov 12 membership luncheon. Dec. 2 Christmas Parade at 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Resolution canceling lien on property located at 203 New Richton Rd. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "A"

Resolution

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to adopt Proclamation indicating Petal as a Dementia Friendly City. (Mayor)

Exhibit "B"

Proclamation

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

BIDS — QUOTES**OLD BUSINESS****GENERAL BUSINESS**

Request to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to DENY the zoning change request for property located on Branden Lane. (A Heath)

Motion to Table.

Motion made by Alderwoman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Steele

Request to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to approve a setback variance for addition to property located at 145 W 4th Ave. (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to terminate Nora Letchworth in the Police Dept effective October 14, 2025. (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to pay SDW Invoice 26392 in the amount of \$4,167.38 for Old Richton Rd Widening Construction management. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to dispose of refrigerator, stove, microwave at City Hall. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to accept Letter of Engagement with Holt & Assoc. for FY2025 Audit Services. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to approve Request for Proposals for Hinton Park and authorize the City Clerk to advertise. (J Young)

OMITTED

Request to execute Consulting Agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. for employee insurance services. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Tyler Roberts to attend MTTOA Conference & Competition in Southaven, MS on 10/29-10/31/2025. Total cost: \$672.00 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request for David Courtney to attend MTTOA Conference & Competition in Southaven, MS on 10/29-10/31/2025. Total cost: \$672.00 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request for Ashton Hewitt to attend Hazmat A/O Hybrid at the State Fire Academy on 10/27-10/31/2025. Total cost: \$75.00 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request for Ashton Hewitt to attend MSTAT in Gulfport, MS on 11/05/2025. Total cost: \$20.00 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request for the following to attend F.I.R.S.T. at the State Fire Academy on 10/27-10/30/25. Total cost: \$310.00 each (Chief Sims)

Hunter McPhail, Logan Duncan

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request for T J Burkhalter to attend Truck Company Operations at the State Fire Academy on 10/27-10/30/2025. Total cost: \$310.00 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request for Casey Burge to attend Rope Rescue A/O at the State Fire Academy on 11/03-11/06/2025. Total cost: \$310.00 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request for the following to attend Confined Space Rescue at the State Fire Academy on 11/10-11/13/2025. Total cost: \$60.00 each (Chief Sims)

Amanda Richardson

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request for Elijah Smith to attend Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations in Lamar County on 10/13-10/17/2025. Total cost: \$250.00 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt order hiring Lavell Johnson in the Recreation Dept at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective October 22, 2025. (J Young)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a full time laborer in the Recreation Dept

It is hereby ordered that Lavell Johnson be
Hired full time at a rate of \$12.00 per hour
Effective Oct. 22, 2025

So ordered this the 21st day of October, 2025

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request to adopt order hiring Michelle Palmer full time as Mayor's Secretary/Receptionist at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective October 22, 2025. (City Clerk)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a full time Admin. Asst./Mayor's Secretary

It is hereby ordered that Michelle Palmer
Be hired full time at a rate of \$13.00 per hour
Effective Oct. 22, 2025

So ordered this the 21st day of October, 2025

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

Request to adopt order hiring Christopher Cutler full time as a 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$46,000 annually
effective Oct. 22, 2025. (Chief Sims)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a full time firefighter

It is hereby ordered that Christopher Cutler be
Hired full time as a 2nd Class Firefighter at a
Rate of \$46,000 annually effective Oct. 22, 2025

So ordered this the 21st day of October, 2025

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

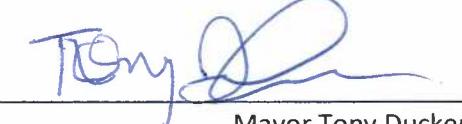
MAYOR'S REPORT

Matthew's Branch Sidewalk construction should get started soon.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS**LEGAL****ADJOURN**

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

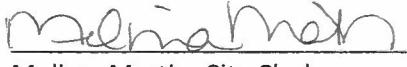
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland,
Alderwoman Stringer



Mayor Tony Ducker

Seal

Attest:



Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Prepared by:
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 601-545-1776

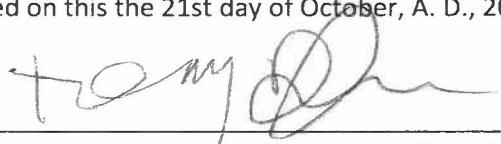
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
 COUNTY OF FORREST

AUTHORITY TO CANCEL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the Resolution adjudicating clean-up cost for the property located at 203 E Central Ave (formerly 203 New Richton Rd), Parcel # 3-0220-36-222.00, Legal Description *Part of the Southeast One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter (SE 114 of SW 114) of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Five (5) North, Range Thirteen (13) West, Forrest County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Southeast One-Quarter of the Southwest One-Quarter (SE 114 of SW 114) of said Section, Township and Range and run thence North a distance of 30 feet to the Point of Beginning, run thence North a distance of 180 feet, run thence East a distance of /05 feet, run thence South a distance of 180 feet, run thence West a distance of /05 feet, to the Point of Beginning, together with all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging.*; owner (s): Barney Hill, Jr., should now be cancelled as the assessments against property, and the Chancery Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi is hereby authorized to cancel said Resolution located in Forrest County Deed Book 1483, Page 83-84 that this order be recorded in the records of said County as if provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is executed on this the 21st day of October, A. D., 2025.



Mayor Tony Ducker



Melissa Martin, City Clerk

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for said County and State, the within named, Tony Ducker and Melissa Martin, who acknowledged that as Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf and by authority of the City of Petal, Mississippi, a municipal corporation, they signed, executed and delivered the above and foregoing instrument on the day and year therein mentioned, as the act and deed of said municipal corporation, after first being duly authorized by said municipal corporation to do so.

Given under my hand and official seal of office on this, the 22nd day of October, A. D., 2025.

My Commission Expires




Notary Public

Proclamation

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Exhibit "B"

Whereas, Dementia includes many neurodegenerative diseases; and

Whereas, we recognize those suffering and the families who are supporting their loved ones; and

Whereas, going forward the City of Petal will be known as a Dementia Friendly City:

This will include.

- * Awareness and Education: Commitment to increasing awareness about dementia among residents, service providers, and local businesses to foster understanding.
- * Support Services: Pledge to enhance support services, including resources for caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community organizations.
- * Accessibility: Ensure that public spaces, transportation, and services are accessible and accommodating for individuals with dementia.
- * Engagement Opportunities: Memory Cafes to encourage inclusive community activities that allow individuals with dementia to participate and engage, reducing social isolation.
- * Collaboration: Collaboration with local dementia organizations, healthcare providers, and advocacy groups to create a supportive network.
- * Ongoing Evaluation: Commitment to regularly assessing and improving the community's actions towards becoming more dementia-friendly.



Melissa Martin
Melissa Martin, City Clerk



Tony Puckett, Mayor