



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2026

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

Invocation was offered by Mike Lott

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of Public Hearing on April 7, 2026
- Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 7, 2026
- Resignation of Christian Stewart in the Water Dept eff. 4/21/2026 (City Clerk)
- Proofs of Publication
 - Public Notice - 133 Lynn Ray Rd
- Revenue & Expenditures Report - March 2026
- Utility Billing Aging as of 3/31/2026

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joyce Norris - 1064 Sunrise Rd; no lines on the road. Mayor advised that the road will be striped as part of this year's paving project.

Andre Heath - Forrest General Health has invited him to participate in an advisory council. He would like to invite the board to join in.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt proclamation celebrating Cartersville Baptist Church 100 years. (Mayor)

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to adopt order hiring Abby Anderson as a full time 3rd class dispatcher at a rate of \$18.16 per hour effective April 22, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order

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

It is hereby ordered that Abby Anderson
Be hired as 3rd Class Dispatcher at a rate of
\$18.16 per hour effective April 22, 2026

So ordered this the 21st day of April 2026

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to authorize the City Clerk to pay Petal School District \$255,000.00 per the Interlocal Agreement for
Pickle Ball Courts per the Attorney General's approval. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

Request to approve a variance for property located at 133 Lynn Ray Rd, Parcel #3-022A-25-059.00 to allow for
new residential construction less than 12" above the crown of the road per the Planning Commission
recommendation. (A Heath)

Motion contingent on signing a drainage release form and filing with the county.

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to DENY the special exception for property located at 133 Lynn Ray Rd, Parcel #3-022A-25-059.00
allowing for new residential construction without a hard surface driveway (asphalt or concrete) per the Planning
Commission recommendation. (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$156,620.50 to Homestead Services for Matthews Branch Sidewalk
Improvements per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to send 29 air bottles from the Fire Dept to the Auction. (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request to purchase 20 Air Bottles at a cost of \$28,200.00 per State Contract out of State Rebate Fund. (Chief
Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to sponsor 2026 Law Enforcement Torch Run at a cost of \$420.00. (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Kaelin Wright and Abby Shows to attend CJIS Systems training class in Hattiesburg, MS on May 1,
2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request for the following to attend Tracking in Meridian, MS on May 5-7, 2026. Total cost: 0

- Bartley Faulkner
- Jordan Marshall
- Jared Mott
- Elijah Smith

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for the following to attend MSTAT in Gulfport, MS on May 6, 2026. Total cost: \$60.00

- Victoria Riley
- Nathan Hession
- Caden Hart-Hinton

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Lott.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for Aaron Jernigan to attend LEO Assoc. Summer Conference in Bay St. Louis, MS on May 31 - June 5, 2026. Total cost: \$753.00 + mileage (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for Amy Heath and Randy Powell to attend the 2026 BOAM Summer Conference in Gulfport, MS on 6/07 - 6/12/2026. Total cost: \$2,529.00 (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt orders promoting the following to 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$46,000.00 annually eff. April 29, 2026. (Chief Sims)

Exhibit "B"
Order

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order hiring Alex Welsh full time as a 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$46,000.00 annually effective April 28, 2026. (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 Alex Welsh
Be hired as 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of
\$46,000.00 annually effective April 28, 2026

So ordered this the 21st day of April 2026

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order increasing the rate of pay for Paige Martin to \$15.50 per hour effective April 22, 2026. (City Clerk)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
 Raise the rate of pay for Paige Martin
 It is hereby ordered that Paige Martin
 Be increased to \$15.50 per hour effective
 April 22, 2026
 So ordered this the 21st day of April 2026

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
 Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order increasing the rate of pay for Michelle Palmer to \$14.00 per hour effective April 22, 2026. (City Clerk)

Order
 Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
 Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
 Raise the rate of pay for Michelle Palmer

It is hereby ordered that Michelle Palmer
 Be increased to \$14.00 per hour effective
 April 22, 2026

So ordered this the 21st day of April 2026

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
 Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order promoting Luis Watson to 1st Class Officer at a rate of \$22.21 per hour effective May 13, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order
 Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
 Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
 Promote Luis Watson in the Police Dept

It is hereby ordered that Luis Watson be
 Promoted to 1st Class Firefighter at a
 Rate of \$48,500.00 annually effective
 May 13, 2026

So ordered this the 21st day of April 2026

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele,
 Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

MAYOR'S REPORT

MDOT will starting safety protocols on Evelyn Gandy in June.

Senator Cindy Hyde Smith will be guest speaker for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

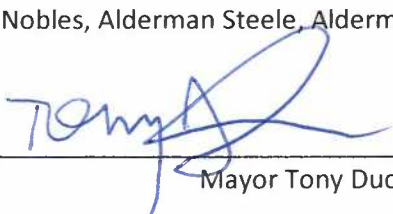
LEGAL

ADJOURN

Petal School District Art Show at the Civic Center ends tomorrow.

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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


 Mayor Tony Ducker




 Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

On the occasion of Centerville Baptist Church's 100th Anniversary, the City of Petal recognizes this incredible achievement of longevity and service to the community.

Whereas, our churches are a vital part of our community, and

Whereas, Centerville Baptist has stood the test of time, and

Whereas, this body of Christian believers has been a beacon of hope to so many, and

Whereas, in 1926, a faithful few stepped forward to begin what continues to bless our city,

The City of Petal congratulates Centerville Baptist Church on this accomplishment and stands with the congregation as they embark on their next 100 years of service to the Petal community.

May God continue to Bless Centerville Baptist Church!



Mayor Tony Duckert



Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Exhibit "B"
ORDER

WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi do hereby deem it necessary to promote certain employees in the Fire Department.

IT IS HEREBY ordered that the following are promoted to 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$46,000.00 annually

Eric West

Ethan Taylor

IT IS FURTHER ordered that this pay scale shall become effective April 29, 2026.

SO ORDERED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi on this the 21st day of April, 2026.