



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

March 17, 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

Alderman Mike Lott

Alderman Blake Nobles

Alderman Gerald Steele

Alderman Craig Strickland

Alderwoman Kim Stringer

Invocation was offered by Craig Bullock.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Special Meeting of 3/03/2026
- Minutes - Regular Meeting of 3/03/2026
- Revenue & Expenditures for February 2026
- Resignation of Jacob Knight in the Police Dept eff. 3/06/2026 (Chief Hiatt)
- Privilege License Report for February 2026

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Ben Velasquez - request adoption of proclamation for athletic trainers' month.

Jennifer Welch - 108 N Main St; would like to use the building as a brokerage office. Having an issue getting a permit for the building.

Lindsey Brown - PACC Update; Morning coffee meet up at Chick Fil A Thursday; Professional Development next week, Ribbon Cutting on Friday March 27 @ 2:00 p.m. at Friendly City Fashions. Health Fair is May 5, Star Spangled Celebration is starting to shape up. Since Jan 1 the Chamber has had 18 new members. The Chamber will launch a podcast next week.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Proclamation setting March as National Athletic Training Month. (Mayor)

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request to adopt Resolution authorizing SMPDD to assist and serve as agent for the City of Petal to establish a commercial redevelopment/revitalization program in the City for vacant buildings or underdeveloped areas of the city. (B Nobles)

Mark Graham spoke in support of Revitalization Program. Hattiesburg has a 50% and a 35% share zones.

Motion to table.

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

Request to DENY the Conditional Use allowing Auto Sales for property located at 1082 Hwy 42, Parcel #3-020M-33-004.00 per the Planning Commission recommendation. (A Heath)

Owner of Panther Auto Sales addressed the board. He is under contract to purchase the property but does not want to buy the property if he can't put his dealership there.

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Steele

Voting Nay: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

Motion to APPROVE a conditional use for auto sales to Pace Transit, LLC at 1082 Hwy 42.

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Lott

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Steele, Alderman Stringer, Alderman Nobles

Request to adopt Ordinance approving a Zoning Change for property located at 1082 Hwy 42, Parcel #3-020M-33-004.00 from R-1 to C-2 per the Planning Commission Recommendation. (A Heath)

Exhibit "B"

Ordinance 1979 (42-A443)

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to accept quote from B R Scronce & Son Backhoe Service for demolition of structure at 128 Sherry Lynn Dr. (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to accept Engineering Agreement with Shows, Dearman & Waits for Rehab of Plant A. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

Request to accept Engineering Agreement with Shows, Dearman & Waits for survey for sewer lift station easement in Hollow Run Subdivision. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request to pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$161,119.39 to Homestead Services, LLC for Matthews Branch Sidewalk Construction per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$345,090.79 to Warren Paving, Inc for 2025 Paving per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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 accept Supplemental Agreement #1 in the amount of (\$7,036.00) with Fairley Construction for Friendly Park North Access Road per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderwoman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request to advertise for and make final payment to Fairley Construction in the amount of \$39,889.72 for Friendly Park Northern Access Road per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderwoman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request to close bank account ending in ***178 due to depletion of HB1353 funds. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to refund cash bond for K Everett in the amount of \$798.75. (Court 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 refund cash bond for T Patterson in the amount of \$1698.75. (Court Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to set a Variance Hearing Date of April 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for property located at 133 Lynn Ray Rd. (A Heath)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request to purchase (2) half page ads in Miss Hospitality Program at a cost of \$185.00 each. (C Brewer)

Motion to purchase one 1/2 page ad and authorize the use of the Magnolia Room at no charge.

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 adopt Order to Condemn certain parcels in order to reconstruct/repair the South George St Bridge. (Howdeshell)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Aiden Townsend to attend FUNSAR in Meridian, MS on April 20 - 24, 2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request for Alderwoman Stringer to attend MAPDD Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 21 - 24, 2026. Total cost: \$672.00 + mileage (K Stringer)

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 for Melissa Martin and Angel Dye to attend 2026 Spring Clerk Conference in Starkville, MS on April 29 - May 1, 2026. Total cost: \$836.00 each + mileage (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request for Dylan Anglin and Jordan Marshall to attend Industrial Fire Training in College Station, TX on April 17 - 19, 2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Sims)

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 Craig Bullock to attend MAPDD Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 21 - 24, 2026. Total cost: \$1286.88 + mileage

Motion by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.
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 Engineer at a rate of \$50,000.00 annually effective April 1, 2026. (Chief Sims)

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 Engineer at a rate of
\$50,000.00 annually

Jared Mott
Richie Steele
Kirk Nelson
Justin Beliveau

IT IS FURTHER ordered that this pay scale shall become effective April 1, 2026.

SO ORDERED this the 17th day of March, 2026.

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, 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 LaQuavius Cotton as a full time Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually effective March 24, 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 LaQuavius Cotton
Be hired full time in the Fire Dept as a
Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually
Effective March 24, 2026

So ordered the 17th day of March 2026

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Ribbon Cutting for Northern Access Road will be March 28.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

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



Melissa Martin
Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Tony Ducker
Mayor Tony Ducker

PROCLAMATION
Exhibit "A"
March as National Athletic Training Month

WHEREAS, the NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION was founded in 1958; AND THE MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC TRAINERS ASSOCIATION, founded in 1982, are both organizations committed to the education of its members and the enhancement of the profession of athletic training, creating better health care for the population it serves; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers from professional, collegiate, and high school teams; industries; physician offices; rehabilitation clinics; and every branch of the United States military work together to promote and practice the profession of athletic training within the city of PETAL, MISSISSIPPI; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care for athletes and persons engaged in regular physical activity; and

WHEREAS, athletic trainers are highly skilled health care professionals who specialize in immediate, acute and emergency care; examination, assessment and diagnosis; injury prevention; risk management; therapeutic intervention; and rehabilitation of injury and illness; and

WHEREAS, the National Athletic Trainers' Association represents and supports more than 45,000 members of the athletic training profession, including more than 400 ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; and

WHEREAS, leading organizations concerned with athletic training and health care have united in a common commitment to raise public awareness of the importance of the profession of athletic training and the role of athletic trainers in the provision of quality health care services; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the CITY of PETAL in the great state of Mississippi to promote improved health care for athletes and all of those who engage in physical activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Ducker, MAYOR of CITY of PETAL do hereby proclaim the month of March as National Athletic Training Month, and call upon residents of Petal, Mississippi to join me in recognizing athletic trainers for their honorable work in keeping the community healthy.

PROCLAIMED this 17th day of March of 2026.

Tony Ducker, Mayor

Melissa Martin, City Clerk

CITY OF PETAL
ORDINANCE BOOK 4

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1979 (42-A443)

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING AND AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 1979 (42) OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NUMBERS 1979 (42-1) THROUGH 1979 (42-A442) SO AS TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1082 HIGHWAY 42 FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PETAL,

MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the Comprehensive Zoning District Map, adopted as part of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Number 1979 (42) of the City of Petal, Mississippi, as amended by Ordinance Numbers 1979 (42-1) through 1979 (42-A442) and the same is hereby changed and amended as per petition filed in connection therewith so that the land described as listed below. Change of current zoning from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial District).

Said land being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

LOT 5 BLK A FORREST ACRES SUBDIVISION, PARCEL #3-020M-33-004.00, FORREST COUNTY, MS

as per map or plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Forrest County, Mississippi, is hereby classified and placed in the C-2 (General Commercial District) zoning.

SECTION 2. Except as hereby expressly changed and amended, the aforesaid Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance No. 1979 (42) of the City of Petal, Mississippi, as amended by Ordinance Numbers 1979 (42-1) through 1979 (42-A442) shall be and remain in full force and form as adopted on March 17, 2026.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force within thirty (30) days from and after its passage as provided by law. The foregoing Ordinance having been reduced to writing, the same was introduced and read, and a vote was taken thereon, first section by section and then upon the Ordinance as a whole with the following results:

Those present and voting "AYE" and in favor of the passage, adoption and approval of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the foregoing Ordinance:

ALDERMAN DREW BRICKSON
ALDERMAN CRAIG BULLOCK
ALDERMAN MIKE LOTT
ALDERMAN BLAKE NOBLES
ALDERMAN GERALD STEELE
ALDERMAN CRAIG STRICKLAND
ALDERWOMAN KIM STRINGER

Those present and voting "NAY" or against the adoption of any section of the foregoing Ordinance:

NONE

Those present and voting "AYE" and in favor of the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance as a whole:

ALDERMAN DREW BRICKSON
ALDERMAN CRAIG BULLOCK
ALDERMAN MIKE LOTT
ALDERMAN BLAKE NOBLES
ALDERMAN GERALD STEELE
ALDERMAN CRAIG STRICKLAND

ALDERWOMAN KIM STRINGER

Those present and voting "NAY" or against the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance as a whole:

NONE

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Ordinance be, and the same is hereby passed, adopted and approved on this the 17th day of March 2026.

TONY DUCKER, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

MELISSA MARTIN, CITY CLERK

PUBLISH ONE TIME:

Exhibit "B"