



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

February 21, 2023

6:00 PM

Board Room • 119 W 8th Ave, Petal MS

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ducker administered the Oath for Derek Taylor, Firefighter.

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 Steele.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - February 7, 2023 Public Hearing
- Minutes - February 7, 2023
- January 2023 Revenue & Expense
- Privilege License - January 2023
- Proofs of Publication
 - Notice to Bids - Bank Bids
 - Ordinance 1979 (42-A439)
 - Ordinance 1979 (42-A440)
 - Ordinance 1979 (42-A441)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Emily Escolas - Has learned alot about the State of MS and what's upstream since the last time she was here. Is concerned about chemicals/contaminants in the water that can cause cancer and other diseases.

Willie Smith, Jr. - Having trouble paying his sewer/trash bill.

Motion to put Mr. Smith back on a hardship.

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

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

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

BIDS — QUOTES

Request to accept bid from Cadence Bank for Municipal Depository for a term to end Dec. 2026. (City Clerk)

Motion to accept bid with a variable interest rate.

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

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

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to accept the Engineering Agreement with Shows, Dearman & Waits for services related to Constructing the Northern Access Road to Friendly Park.

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 Engineering Agreement with Shows, Dearman & Waits for Retrofit of ballfields for artificial playing surface.

Glenn Lucas addressed the board in opposition to the synthetic fields. Would like the board to also bid natural fields drainage work.

Josh Kittrell addressed the board. He does acknowledge that the drainage needs to be addressed. Travel ball/Rec ball is evolving rapidly. Travel ball teams are leaving Petal due to the facilities. Tournaments are getting rained out. Once teams have to cancel they don't want to come back due to the chance of getting rained out.

Motion to approve the Engineering Contract made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

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

Request to send the following vehicles to auction from the Fire Dept. (Chief Hendry)

2007 Chevy 1500, Vin: 64092, Asset# 1850

2007 GMC 1500, Vin: 14605, Asset# 1844

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request to accept the resignation of Jamie Magee in the Police Dept effective Feb. 28, 2023. (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to dispose of the following in the Recreation Dept. (J Young)

Electrolux Refrigerator, S# 307549

Frigidaire Refrigerator, S# 107565

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Stringer.

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

Request to dispose of one eye wash station in the Street Dept. (L Campfield)

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 water services billed to 102 Napoleon St in the amount of \$228.00 due to a leak. (R Herring)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to adjust water services billed to 124 Wilson Dr in the amount of \$230.00 due to a leak. (M Herring)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request to adjust water services billed to 102 Hawkins St in the amount of \$1137.00 and late fees in the amount of \$199.50 due to a leak. (J Helton)

Motion to adjust due to the belief damage was caused by City Contractor.

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

Request to adjust services billed to 105 Morris St as follows: (R Heard)

- Water - \$102.00
- Sewer - \$45.00
- Tax - \$7.14

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 authorize Fairley Construction to purchase meters through the Water Dept. @ cost for new construction per the recommendation and approval of Clearwater Solutions. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request to add the following vehicles as unmarked units. (Chief Hiatt)

2022 Ford F150 - Vin# 1FTFW1P86NKE90059

2008 Ford Crown Vic - Vin# 2FAFP73V48X159516

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request to reimburse Tony Ducker \$54.00 for airport parking + mileage. (T Ducker)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request for Daniel Klem and Charlie Sims to attend Public Safety UAS Class on Feb. 7 - March 2, 2023. Total cost: \$1961.00 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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

Request for Daniel Klem to attend four online classes. Total cost: \$675.00 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request for Drew Craft to attend Fire Officer Training at the State Fire Academy on March 14 - 16, May 16 - 18, July 25 - 27, & Oct. 9 - 12, 2023. Total cost: \$1071.00 (Asst. Chief Sims)

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 for Cody Barber to attend Investigator School at the State Fire Academy on March 20 - 30, 2023. Total cost: \$760.00 (Asst. Chief Sims)

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

Request for Ben Taylor to attend MSAT in Gulfport, MS on March 1, 2023. Total cost: \$20.00 (Asst. Chief Sims)

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

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt order raising the rate of pay for Katelyn Engh to \$13.50 per hour effective Feb. 22, 2023. (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 Katelyn Engh in
The Water Department

It is hereby ordered that Katelyn Engh
Be raised to \$13.50 per hour effective
February 22, 2023.

So ordered this the 21st day of February, 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

Request to adopt order hiring Jessica Coleman full time in the Water Dept. at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective March 8, 2023. (City Clerk)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a full time clerk in the Water Department

It is hereby ordered that Jessica Coleman
Be hired full time in the Water Dept
At a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective
March 8, 2023.

So ordered this the 21st day of February, 2023

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Went to D.C. with ADP. Met w/Hyde-Smith and Wicker.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

Steve Stringer gave thanks to the Recreation Dept for a great Black History program.



Ada Madison said that the program was very nice. Food and entertainment were good. Ms. Ada announced that her son has retired from the Navy after 32 years.

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

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



Mayor Tony Ducker

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Melissa Martin, City Clerk

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