



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 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 Alderman Bullock.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

Omit #22

Add Right of Entry agreement with MS Power for property near the River Park.

Add Jo Davis to the Planning Commission for a term to expire in July 2028.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Public Hearing June 6, 2023
- Regular Meeting June 6, 2023
- FY2022 Audit
- Revenue & Expenditures - May 2023
- Proof of Publication
- W 7th Ave - Petal Harvey
- Judicial - Audit Balance May 2023
- UB Aging May 2023

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Braden Witcher, K W Elite Realty, update on Hayes, Culpepper property. A motion has been filed to have a judge approve selling the properties. He doesn't know how long it will take.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Resolution setting the Day of Prayer.

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

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to authorize the City Clerk to coordinate with the Library use of the Civic Center at no charge for community events.

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 authorize naming the Building Dept building after Allen Flynt.

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 accept Letter of Engagement from John B Stewart for Appraisal Review services related to sidewalk improvements along Matthews Branch.

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

Request to pay Estimate 3 in the amount of \$127,718.00 to Valley Construction for Soccer Fields at Robert E Russell Sports Complex per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation.

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 hearing to review permit and renovations at 106 Stevens St. (B Stabile)

Alderman Steele recused himself from the meeting.

Bach Stabile addressed the board regarding his property at 106 Stevens St.

The Board advised that we need an appraisal on the property before the improvements are made and an itemized list of repair costs.

Alderman Steele reentered the meeting.

Request to accept the resignation of Zachary Vaughn in the Judicial Dept. effective June 30, 2023.

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 refund cash bond for Randy Anderson in the amount of \$870.25 per Judge Reed.

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 refund cash bond for Joseph Saldana in the amount of \$4,000.00 per Judge Reed.

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 Ducker administered the Oath of Office for Firefighter Bobby Oxner.

Request to address the board requesting variances for property located at 1090 Hwy 42.

Brenda Allen and Jeff Pittman addressed the board regarding variances needed for property located at 1090 Hwy 42.

New plans have been submitted. Amy will get Plan Review by the end of the week and advise if variances are needed.

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt Ordinance 1974 (15-A1) amending Article 3, Sec. 14.46 - 14.50 (Fireworks) of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion to table.

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

Request to renew Jo Davis for the Planning Commission for a term to expire in July 2028.

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 accept Right of Entry with MS Power

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 adopt order raising the rate of pay for Rocky Eaton to \$35,000 annually effective Oct. 1, 2023.

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of
The City of Petal deem it necessary to raise
The rate of pay for the City Attorney

It is hereby ordered that Rocky Eaton
Be raised to \$35,000.00 annually
Effective Oct. 1, 2023

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2023

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 orders appointing John Smallwood as Judge Pro Temp and Ben Thornton as Public Defender Pro Temp effective July 1, 2023.

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Appoint a Judge Pro Temp

It is hereby ordered that John Smallwood
Be appointed as Judge Pro Temp at a
Rate of \$6,000.00 annually effective
July 1, 2023

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2023

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Appoint a Public Defender Pro Temp

It is hereby ordered that Ben Thornton
Be appointed as Public Defender Pro Temp
at a Rate of \$583.34 monthly (only when needed)
annually effective July 1, 2023

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2023

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 adopt order hiring Kimberly Manning as full time dispatcher at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective June 28, 2023.

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 Kimberly Manning
Be hired full time in the Police Dept as a
Dispatcher at a rate of \$14.00 per hour
Effective June 28, 2023

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2023

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 adopt order hiring Brendan Chatham as a recruit firefighter at a rate of \$11.7521 per hour effective
June 27, 2023.

Omitted from Agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

Mike Lott left the meeting.

Motion to clear the room for Executive Session.

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

Motion to enter into Executive Session.

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

Motion to adjourn Executive Session.

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

No official action was taken in Executive Session.

Request to approve Solid Waste RFP and authorize the City Clerk to advertise.

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

ADJOURN

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



Melissa Martin
Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Tony Ducker
Tony Ducker, Mayor