



# BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

May 07, 2024

6:00 PM

Board Room • 119 W 8th Ave, Petal MS

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

#### Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation was offered by Craig Strickland.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### 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

### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Regular Meeting of April 16, 2024
- Utility Billing Aging - March 2024
- Court Balances - April 2024

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Strickland.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Barbara Mauldin - addressed the board asking about the progress of the fluoridation of the city's water.

Dr. Barbara Mauldin - addressed the board regarding renovations of homes she has purchased. Has run into an issue with the building inspector requiring architectural drawings for removing windows. She believes this is excessive.

Sylvina Buckley - requests permission to close Morris St near the beauty school on June 29 for a Back-to-School Festival from 10-3.

Jamie Steele - would like an update on 106 Stevens St. Attorney Eaton stated that there is no further comment.

### PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Proclamation observing Law Enforcement Week, May 10 - 16, 2024. (Mayor)

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

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

### BIDS — QUOTES

### OLD BUSINESS

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to advertise for and make final payment to Grady Crawford Construction in the amount of \$49,911.02 for Eastover Sewer per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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 advertise for and make final payment to C B Developers in the amount of \$58,518.98 for Dawson Cutoff Sewer per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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

Request to pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$44,887.50 to Stephens TPS, Inc. for Standpipe Painting per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request to DENY zoning change from C-2 to R-1 for property located at 58 City Barn Loop per the Planning Commission recommendation. (A Heath)

Jerry Newberry and Bruce Brady addressed the board regarding the zoning change.

Motion to deny zoning change made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Lott

Request to adopt order hiring Luis Watson as 3rd Class full time patrol at a rate of \$17.91 per hour effective May 8, 2024.

#### Order

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

It is hereby ordered that Luis Watson be  
Hired full time as 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Patrol Officer  
At a rate of \$17.91 per hour effective  
May 8, 2024

So ordered this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request to terminate Employee Marie Naquin in the Police Dept effective immediately. (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to purchase SCBA Facepieces from EEP in the amount of \$1965.06 out of State Rebate Funds. (Chief Hendry)

Motion made by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to adjust charges billed to 48 Woodland Square as follows:

45 day penalty - \$1015.00

Garbage Late - \$69.24

Garbage - \$482.75

Sewer - \$1187.49

Sewer Treatment - \$430.00

Sewer Late Fees - \$227.70

Motion to find a factual determination that the resident did not receive the benefit of the garbage and sewer service for the time being adjusted. Motion by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to adjust water services billed to 424 Old Richton Rd in the amount of \$82.00 due to a leak. (Realty Star)

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 authorize the mayor to execute Establishment of Just Compensation offers for the Matthews Branch Sidewalk project as follows:

\$5580.00 - Parcel 10

\$75.00 - Parcel 10x

\$7420.00 - Parcel 11

\$4715.00 - Parcel 12

\$210.00 - Parcel 12x

\$16,625.00 - Parcel 13

\$1130.00 - Parcel 13x

\$505.00 - Parcel 14

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 to accept the plans and specifications for water/sewer project on EGP North and advertise for bids. (City Clerk)

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 accept the plans and specifications for Castlewoods Sewer project and advertise for bids. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Strickland

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

Request to set a hearing date of May 28 at 6:00 p.m. for property located at 200 Clark St. (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 approve the docket of claims for the month of April 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

## SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Amy Heath to attend BOAM Summer Conference in Gulfport, MS on 6/9 - 6/14/2024. Total cost: \$942.00

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 for the following to attend the ADP Leadership Exchange in Birmingham, AL on 9/18 - 9/20/2024.

Tony Ducker - Total cost: \$177.00

Kim Stringer - Total cost: \$677.00

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request for city officials to attend Annual MML Convention in Biloxi, MS on June 23 - June 27, 2024. (City Clerk) Total cost: \$1384.00 + Mileage (each)

Aldermen

Mayor

City Clerk

Deputy City Clerk

Recreation Director

Building Director

Court Clerk

Attorney

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request for Rocky Walters to attend ADSAR in Meridian, MS on April 22-25, 2024. Total Cost: 0

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request for the following to attend Wilderness First Aid in Meridian, MS on May 14-16, 2024. Total cost: 0

Bartley Faulkner

Timothy Brown

Mario Weathersby

Jason Bordelon

Seth Cox

Hunter McPhail

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request for Drew Craft to attend Boat Op Refresher in Gulfport, MS on May 21-22, 2024. Total cost: 0

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 Casey Johnson to attend Fire Officer 2 Final at the State Fire Academy on June 28. Total cost: 0

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 for Carter Hinton to attend Basic Firefighter 1001-1-11 at the State Fire Academy on June 2, 2024. Total cost: \$935.00

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 for Casey Walley to attend Command College in Oxford, MS on July 14-19, 2024. Total cost: \$1240.00 (Chief Hiatt)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request for Matthew Hiatt to attend MS Assoc. of Chiefs of Police Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 18-21, 2024. Total cost: \$1302.76

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 Cody West to attend MSTAT at the State Fire Academy on May 1, 2024. Total cost: \$20.00 (Asst. Chief Sims)

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

## **ORDERS & ORDINANCES**

Request to adopt order appointing Marion Sims as Fire Chief effective May 11, 2024. (Mayor)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Deem it necessary to appoint a  
Fire Chief

It is hereby ordered that Marion Sims be  
Appointed Fire Chief at a salary of \$65,000.00  
Annually effective May 11, 2024

So ordered this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024

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 to adopt Ordinance 2014 (132-A10) adding a fee for sewer disconnection. (D Brickson)

Exhibit "B"

Ordinance 2014 (132-A10)

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

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

Request to review Ordinance amending Section 510.00 of the Subdivision Regulations requiring sewer cutoff valves for subdivisions not on city water.

Motion 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 review revision to Code Section 34.87 requiring a sewer cutoff valve for new developments not on city water.

Motion by Alderman Strickland, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

## **CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS**

**LEGAL**

Request to clear the room to determine the need for Executive Session.

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential real estate development.

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

Request to adjourn Executive Session.

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

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

No official action was taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

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

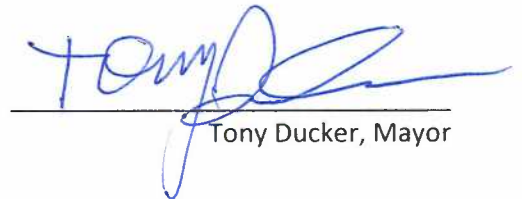


Exhibit "A"

**Proclamation****National Police Week 2024**

To recognize National Police Week 2024 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Petal Police Department;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, more than 24,067 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, 282 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023 and 164 officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 36th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 10-16, 2024;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petal will observe May 10-16, 2024, as National Police Week in Petal, and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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Mayor Tony Ducker

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Melissa Martin, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014 (132-A10)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, SECTION 96(d) OF THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI, CODE OF ORDINANCES ADDING A FEE FOR DISCONNECTING SEWER SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF PETAL, MISSISSIPPI,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal,

Mississippi:

Chapter 34, Section 96 as originally adopted on December 30, 2016 is hereby amended to read as follows.

To-wit:

Sec. 34-96:

(d) If a sewer/waste account serves a location in which the City of Petal does not provide city water services remains delinquent for more than sixty (60) days, then the location's sewer connection will be physically removed from the City of Petal's Sewer System by the addition of a sewer disconnect valve; and a fee of \$300.00, if work is completed by the city's Public Works Department in addition to outstanding charges will be charged to have the sewer services reconnected. If the disconnection requires an outside contractor, the fee will be the actual cost of the contractor plus 20%. Sewer services disconnected for non-payment will be reconnected after payment is made in full on the next business day pending any City, County, State or National emergencies impacting the City of Petal.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances in conflict herewith, be, and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force (30) days from and after its passage.

The above and foregoing ordinance having been reduced to writing, the same was read and voted upon, section by section, and then as a whole.

Those present and voting "YEA" and in favor of the passage, adoption and approval of Sections 1,2 & 3 of the foregoing ordinance:

Alderman Drew Brickson  
Alderman Craig Bullock

Alderman Mike Lott  
Alderman Blake Nobles  
Alderman Gerald Steele  
Alderman Craig Strickland  
Alderman Kim Stringer

Those present and voting "NAY" or against the passage, adoption, and approval of Sections 1, 2, & 3 of the foregoing ordinance:

None

Those present and voting "YEA" or against the passage, adoption, and approval of the Ordinance as a whole:

Alderman Drew Brickson  
Alderman Craig Bullock  
Alderman Mike Lott  
Alderman Blake Nobles  
Alderman Gerald Steele  
Alderman Craig Strickland  
Alderman Kim Stringer

Those present and voting "NAY" or against the passage, adoption, and approval of the foregoing ordinance as a whole:

NONE

WHEREFORE the foregoing ordinance was duly passed, adopted and approved on this the 7th day of May A.D., 2024.



Melina Martin  
Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Tony Ducker  
Tony Ducker, Mayor

Exhibit "B"