



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

February 03, 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 Strickland.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Public Hearing of Jan. 20, 2026
- Minutes - Regular Meeting of Jan. 20, 2026
- Revenue & Expenditures for the month of Oct 2025, Nov 2025 and Dec 2025
- Resignation of Casey Burge in the Fire Dept (Chief Sims)
- Resignation of Trevor Rogers in the Fire Dept (Chief Sims)
- Court Balances - Jan 2026

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Request to adopt order hiring Joey Scott full time as 1st Class patrol at a rate of \$48,500.00 annually effective Feb. 4, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

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

It is hereby ordered that Joey Scott
Be hired Full time as a 1st Class Patrol Officer
At a rate of \$48,500.00 annually effective Feb. 4, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of February 2026

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

Byron Mooney - addressed the board requesting relief from the garbage bill. Says he hasn't had a garbage can.

Motion to find that Mr. Mooney did not have use of the garbage service from Jan 1, 2021 until present and authorize the city clerk to adjust garbage fees and garbage late fees.

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

Terry Brannan; 149 Stevens St - addressed the board regarding the sewer system. The last rain we had, he was two days without sewer service. Matt Fountain said he would go over with the new sewer camera and check out the tap.

Lindsey Brown, PACC - February 11 is Chamber Luncheon, Morning Coffee on February 19. Next up is Star Spangled Celebration. Star Spangled Celebration will be on Thursday, July 2.

Andre Heath - addressed the board as an independent business consultant representing ClearWater Solutions as they try to partner with the City of Laurel. He asks that the BOA consider being a personal reference.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to approve the docket of claims for the month of January 2025. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "A"

Docket

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 set a hearing date of February 24, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. for property located at 108 Hawkins St. (A Heath)

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 adjust services billed as follows due to leaks:

303 Maywood Dr - Water \$1997.00, Late Fee \$183.64

629 Hillcrest Loop - Water \$2564.00, Sewer \$890.00, Sales Tax \$179.48

23 Chanse Ave - Water \$66.50

300 Petal Dr - Water \$3,637.66, Late Fee \$774.27

218 Ford Dr - Water \$349.33

103 Russum Circle - Water \$367.00

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 a table at the cost of \$350.00 for Petal Education Foundation Laughter & Lagniappe on April 16, 2026. (Mayor)

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 pay Shows, Dearman & Waits invoice #27705 in the amount of \$21,294.08 for Construction Management Services on Matthews Branch Sidewalk Project. (City Clerk)

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 reimburse the Petal Area Chamber of Commerce \$300 for ad in MS magazine. (PACC)

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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request to authorize Donicka Page to attend IAED 40-hour Basic in Gulfport, MS on May 26-30, 2026. Total cost: \$1,070.00 (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 LaPrincess Jackson to attend Municipal Clerk Certification in Hattiesburg, MS on March 25-27, 2026. Total cost: \$325.00 (City Clerk)

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

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to appoint LaPrincess Jackson as a Deputy City Clerk for the purpose of obtaining Municipal Deputy Clerk Certification. (City Clerk)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Appoint a Deputy City Clerk

It is hereby ordered that LaPrincess Jackson
Be appointed a Deputy City Clerk effective
February 4, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of February 2026

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 adopt order transferring Sgt. Fontaine to 1st Class Patrol at a rate of \$48,500.00 annually effective February 4, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Transfer Kathryn Fontaine

It is hereby ordered that Kathryn Fontaine
Be transferred from Sergeant to 1st Class Patrol
At a rate of \$48,500 annually effective Feb 4, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of February 2026

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

Request to adopt order transferring Sgt. Charlie Sims to the Detective Division on an 80-hour pay period at \$25.48 per hour effective February 4, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Transfer Charlie Sims

It is hereby ordered that Charlie Sims
Be transferred to Detective Division on
An 80-hour pay period at \$25.48 per hour
effective Feb 4, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of 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

Request to adopt order promoting Chance Gardner to Sergeant at a rate of \$53,000.00 annually effective February 4, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Promote Chance Gardner

It is hereby ordered that Chance Gardner
Be promoted to Sergeant at a rate of

\$53,000 annually effective Feb 4, 2026
So ordered this the 3rd day of February 2026

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 adopt order promoting Emily Creel to Sergeant at a rate of \$53,000.00 annually effective February 4, 2026. (Chief Hiatt)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Promote Emily Creel
It is hereby ordered that Emily Creel
Be promoted to Sergeant at a rate of
\$53,000 annually effective Feb 4, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of February 2026

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

Request to adopt order placing Bobby Sheffield on "light duty" 80-hour shift at a rate of \$24.0384 per hour effective 1/26/2026. (Chief Sims)

Order
Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to place
Bobby Sheffield on Light Duty in the Fire Dept
It is hereby ordered that Bobby Sheffield be
Place on an 80-hour shift at a rate of \$24.0384
Per hour effective January 26, 2026

So ordered this the 3rd day of February, 2026

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

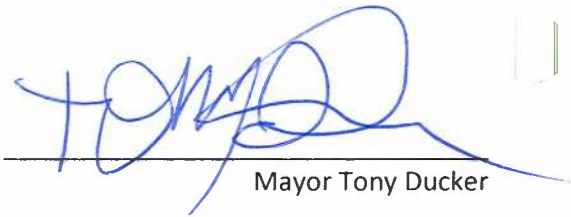
Thursday the Mayor's Youth Council will travel to Jackson to the Capital.
Appreciates Waste Pro bringing the canned fruit for Extra Table March of the Mayors.
Friday is the Black History Month Program from 6-8 p.m. Vanessa from the African American Military Museum will be the guest speaker.
Congratulate Col Lee Henry for his servant leadership as Garrison Commander of Camp Shelby for the past two years.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

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


Mayor Tony Ducker


Attest:
Melissa Martin, City Clerk

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