MINUTE BOOK "40"



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2025 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

Omit #1 under General Business.

Add Order to promote Michelle Fontaine to Sgt eff. 3/16/2025.

Add approval for Movies in the Park for April and May.

Motion by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes Public Hearing April 1, 2025
- Minutes Regular Meeting April 1, 2025
- Revenue & Expenditure Report March 2025
- Court Balances March 2025
- Utility Aging March 2025
- Privilege License Report March 2025

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kammie Carpenter - Reminder of Chamber Events.

Ron Martin - Movies in the Park; first one will be April 26 and the second hopefully on May 10. They are waiting on licensing approval. There will be a couple of vendors as well as fun jumps.

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

Demetree Miller - Complaint on dogs on W 4th Ave.

Ola Heidelberg - Complaint on feral cats in the neighborhood.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

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Request to waive sewer tap fee in the amount of \$650.00 for the Petal Children's Task Force. (D Lee)

Omitted

Request to appoint Mayor Tony Ducker as Commissioner to the PBRSWMA for a term to expire on April 21, 2029.

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 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for K Clark. (Court Clerk)

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 pay Estimate #6 in the amount of \$328,395.79 to Walters Construction Co for 2024 Paving per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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 set a hearing date of May 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the following properties:

205 Maryland Dr

15 Rainey Dr

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 dispose of one (1) dell monitor in the Police Dept. (Chief Hiatt)

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 dispose of the following in the Building Dept

Dell CPU, Asset# 02730

Misc Electronic Items

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 pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$494,184.30 to Grady Crawford Construction for Castlewoods Sewer Improvements 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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for municipal officials to attend 94th Annual MML Convention in Biloxi, MS on July 20 - July 24, 2025. Total cost not to exceed \$1486.00 + mileage/each.

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 for Rocky Eaton to attend 94th Annual MML Convention and MMA Annual Convention in Biloxi, MS on July 20 - July 24, 2025. Total cost: \$1622.28 + mileage

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 Michelle Strebeck to attend MMCA Summer Conference in Biloxi, MS on June 23-24, 2025. Total cost: \$589.98 + mileage.

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

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Request for the following to attend training in the Fire Dept (Chief Sims)

J Walley - Rope Rescue; MSFA on June 23-26. Cost: \$310.00

A Richardson - Rope Rescue; MSFA on June 23-26. Cost: \$310.00

A Townsend - Basic 1001; MSFA on April 14 - June 5. Cost: \$935.00

E Smith - Basic 1001; MSFA on April 13 - June 5. Cost: \$935.00

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 for Amy Heath to attend COAA Annual Conference in Orange Beach, AL on May 7 -8, 2025. Total cost: \$136.00

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt Ordinance regulating the placement of dumpsters on public roads, sidewalks, and curbs. (Steele)

Justin Powell spoke in opposition to the Ordinance.

Phil Lafferty, D R Horton spoke in opposition to the fee amount.

Stephen Fairley asked to clarify if the Ordinance is to allow a dumpster to be placed on the road if they pay the fee.

Alderman Steele made a motion to table the Ordinance.

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 to adopt order hiring Wade DesCombes full-time as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$12.0027 per hour effective April 17, 2025. (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 Wade DesCombes be Hired full time as a Recruit Firefighter at a Rate of \$12.0027 per hour effective April 17, 2025

So ordered this the 15^{th} day of April 2025

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

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

Request to adopt order promoting Michelle Fontaine in the Police Dept to Sergeant

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Promote Michelle Fontaine

It is hereby ordered that Michelle Fontaine Be promoted to Patrol Sergeant at a Rate of \$21.52 per hour effective April 16, 2025

So ordered this the 15th day of April 2025

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

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MAYOR'S REPORT

Feather Banners

May need to have some sort of timeframe to allow feather banners. They are not allowed per the current sign ordinance, but several are showing up.

Hats off to Clearwater Solutions for working to clear up workorders.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Tony Ducker

Melissa Martin, City Clerk