



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 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 Mike Lott

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Public Hearing of February 3, 2026
- Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 3, 2026
- 2024 Tax Return for the Petal Public Improvement Fund
- Privilege License Report - January 2025
- Proofs of Publication
 - Public Notice - 1082 Highway 42
 - Ordinance 2026 (151)
- January 2026 Revenue & Expenditures

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ada Madison - ditches need to be cleaned out on Gray's Crossroad. Water is standing. Black History Month Celebration was very nice this year.

Andre Heath - This is the 3rd Council meeting he has attended today. Rev. Jesse Jackson passed today. He remembers his saying "Keep Hope Alive" from when he was a child. Petal Dance Team came in 2nd in the Nation!

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt order hiring Nathan Hession as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually effective Feb. 18, 2026. (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 that Nathan Hession
Be hired as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate
Of \$40,000 annually effective
February 18, 2026

So ordered this the 17th day of February 2026

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Brickson.

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

Request to adopt order hiring Cache Henery as Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually effective
February 18, 2026. (Chief Sims)

Omitted

Request to adopt order hiring Victoria Riley as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually effective
February 19, 2026. (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 that Victoria Riley
Be hired as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate
Of \$40,000 annually effective
February 19, 2026

So ordered this the 17th day of February 2026

Motion made 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 adopt order hiring Gabriel Burns as a 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$46,000.00 annually effective
February 19, 2026. (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 that Gabriel Burns
Be hired as a 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate
Of \$46,000 annually effective
February 19, 2026

So ordered this the 17th day of February 2026

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

Request to adopt order hiring Elijah Smith as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$40,000.00 annually effective
February 17, 2026. (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 that Elijah Smith
Be hired as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate
Of \$40,000 annually effective
February 17, 2026

So ordered this the 17th day of February 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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to renew ad in Petal Life Magazine at a cost of \$550.00. (N McLeod)

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

Request to reappoint Jana Causey to the Petal School District Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years. (Mayor)

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 dispose of GE Washer and Overhead Lights in the Fire Dept. (Chief Sims)

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 refund cash bond in the amount of \$2,000.00 for T Crabtree. (Court Clerk)

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 authorize the City Clerk to waive penalties and late fees in the Water Dept for the month of February due to delayed printing of bills. (City Clerk)

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 pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$65,426.53 to Warren Paving, Inc for 2025 Street Overlay per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (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, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$91,694.29 to Homestead Services for Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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 approve RFP and advertise for Engineering Services work related to the implementation of State of Mississippi Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) project(s). (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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for Eric West and Ethan Taylor to attend Basic 1010 at the State Fire Academy on March 1 - April 16, 2026. Total cost: \$935.00 each (Chief Sims)

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 Hunter McPhail to attend Engine Company Operations at the State Fire Academy on March 2 - 5, 2026. Total cost: \$330.00 (Chief Sims)

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 for Garrett Mitelsztet and Brandon McPhail to attend Hazmat Hybrid at the State Fire Academy on March 9 - March 26, 2026. Total cost: \$80.00 each (Chief Sims)

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 for Joe Harrison to attend Engine Company Operations on March 30 - April 2, 2026 at the State Fire Academy. Total cost: \$330.00 (Chief Sims)

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 for Dylan Anglin to attend Rope Rescue at the State Fire Academy on March 16-19, 2026. Total cost: \$330.00 (Chief Sims)

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 David Courtney to attend Multi Platform Firearms Instructor Class in Hattiesburg, MS on Feb 23-27, 2026. Total cost: \$1,075.00 (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, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for Jesse Jackson to attend CIT Training in Purvis, MS on May 11-15, 2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Hiatt)

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 Dalton Keen to attend SFST Certification Class in Wiggins, MS on April 7-9, 2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Hiatt)

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 Chance Gardner and Cody Crawford to attend Advanced Report Writing class in D'Iberville, MS on March 23-24, 2026. Total cost: \$650.00 (Chief Hiatt)

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

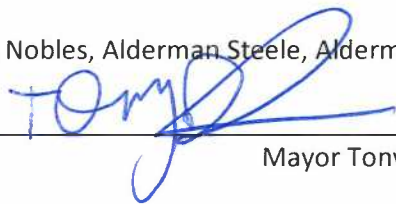
Mayor is going with Chamber Ambassadors to the Capital tomorrow.
Next week BUILD Grant applications should be going in. We are working through the process for water and sewer loan applications and projects.
Ms. Ada Madison has a birthday coming up. Thursday from 6-7 p.m., Ms Ada will be giving a little history conversation and the Senior/Veteran Center.
Chappell Hill Road will be closed this week.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

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


Mayor Tony Ducker

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Attest: SEAL

Melissa Martin, City Clerk

Work Session - discussion of SMPDD Resolution. The city can assign the amount of the sales tax that is given back to the business. City can set the boundaries for the area. The fee for SMPDD would come out of the money being sent back to the business. Incentive could be used for an existing business if they were expanding.

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