



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

June 02, 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 Bullock, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.
Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderman Strickland, Alderwoman Stringer

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026
- Resignation of LaPrincess Jackson in the Water Dept eff. 06/09/2026

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Hoffman - Addressed the board regarding his development across the river, Eagles Walk. He would like to develop a botanical garden, riverfront park and town homes on Petal's side.

Nathaniel McDaniel - Jaycee Color Run will be November 14.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to adopt Proclamation setting Friday, July 3, 2026 as a holiday in observance of Independence Day. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "A"
Proclamation

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 Resolution appointing Tony Ducker and Craig Bullock as MML 2026 Voting Delegates. (Mayor)

Exhibit "B"
Resolution

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

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

Request to authorize Mayor Ducker to execute a release for property damage upon receipt of settlement funds. (R Eaton)

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to pay the docket of claims for the month of May 2026. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "C"

Docket

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 pay Shows, Dearman & Waits invoice 27913 in the amount of \$4,516.38 for construction management of Matthews Branch Sidewalk Improvements. (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 donation of TuffKote Supreme Grain Rescue Kit (SN: GWOR#4) and a JPZ Rescue Auger from City of Gulfport. (Asst. Chief Lewis)

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 renew ad in the Petal High School Football Program at a cost of \$100.00.

Motion made by Alderwoman Stringer, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

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

Request to sponsor Petal High School Innovations at a cost of \$100.00.

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

Request to reimburse Mayor Ducker \$182.92 for parking and transportation for ICSC in Vegas. (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 agreement with Collins and Null for ROW Appraisal Services for S George Sidewalk Improvements. (Mayor)

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

Request to accept agreement with Howdeshell Pittman for ROW services for S George Sidewalk Improvements. (Mayor)

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 pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$42,113.50 to Tru-Mac, LLC for S George St Bridge Replacement per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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 accept amendment to Cspire Telecommunications Agreement for increased internet speed at Fire Station #1 and #3 and City Hall. (City 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

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for David Courtney and Charlie Sims to attend the NTOA Law Enforcement Operations Conference in Nashville, TN on Aug. 30 - Sept. 4, 2026. Total cost: \$3485.08 (Chief Hiatt)

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

Request for Bartley Faulkner to attend MLPI training in Meridian, MS on June 1-5, 2026. Total cost: 0 (Chief Sims)

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 Alden Johnson to attend Chemistry of Hazmat at the State Fire Academy on June 15, 2026. Total cost: \$160.00 (Chief Sims)

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 for the following to attend Driver Operator 1002 at the MS State Fire Academy on June 22 - July 9, 2026. Total cost: \$660.00 each (Chief Sims)

- Aiden Townsend
- Elijah Smith
- Tyler Duncan

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 Garrett Mitelsztet to attend Basic 1010 at MS State Fire Academy on June 15 - August 6, 2026. Total cost: \$1060.00 (Chief Sims)

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

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt order promoting Tony Gaumer to Engineer at a rate of \$50,000 annually effective June 10, 2026. (Chief Sims)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Promote Tony Gaumer in the Fire Dept

It is hereby ordered that Tony Gaumer be
Promoted to Engineer at a rate of \$50,000.00
Annually effective June 10, 2026

So ordered this the 2nd day of June 2026

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

- Request for Executive Session to discuss legal matters.
- Motion to clear the room to determine the need for Executive Session.
- 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
- Motion to enter into Executive Session.

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

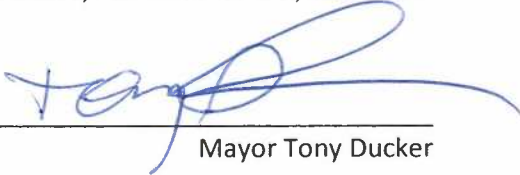
Motion to adjourn Executive Session.

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

Mike Lott left during Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn.

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


Mayor Tony Ducker


Melissa Martin, City Clerk

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the members of the Second Continental Congress adopted “The Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America,” more commonly known as the Declaration of Independence, declaring to the British Crown why the Thirteen Colonies regarded themselves independent sovereign states and no longer subject to British rule. In this visionary document, Thomas Jefferson, its drafter, animated the new American Nation mooring it in two self-evident truths: [T]hat all men are created equal, [and thereby] endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness;” and “Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” In ratifying and signing the Declaration of Independence, the delegates knew they were committing treason against the British Crown, and that death would be the punishment if captured. In the years that followed, a small rag-tag army of citizen soldiers under the command of General George Washington defeated the mightiest empire and professional army in the world and established the greatest Republic ever to exist; and

WHEREAS, in the words of John Adams to his beloved wife, Abigail, summarizing the events of July 4, 1776: “[T]he greatest Question was decided, which ever was debated in America, and a greater, perhaps, never was or will be decided among men. A Resolution was passed without one dissenting Colony ‘that these united Colonies, are, and of right ought to be free and independent States, and as such, they have, and of Right ought to have full Power to make War, conclude Peace, establish Commerce, and to do all the other Acts and Things, which other States might rightfully do...’”; and

WHEREAS, as recognized by President Ronald Reagan, July 4, 1776, launched “the American vision of creating a new nation of free people, a country that would be a light unto the nations, and a shining city upon a hill. . . . I know that you each will keep faith with that great American dream that burns within our souls and within the soul of every American”; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of annual patriotic celebrations on July 4th became widespread after the defeat of the British in the War of 1812, and Congress declared July 4th to be a federal holiday on June 28, 1870; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Mississippi Code § 3-3-7(1), the fourth day of July is recognized as Independence Day and declared a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi, and consistent with the Federal holiday schedule, do hereby authorize the closing of all offices of the State of Mississippi on Friday, July 3, 2026, in observance of the two hundred and fiftieth birthday of the United States of America. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 28th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fiftieth.

RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING
MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
2026 VOTING DELEGATES
FOR THE CITY OF PETAL

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Municipal League amended the bylaws of the association to provide for a ballot election, to be conducted by the officers of the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association, to be held each year at the summer convention, to elect a Second Vice President from the Southern District; and

WHEREAS, the amended bylaws require the governing authority board (Alderman, City Council, City Commission) to designate in its minutes the voting delegate and one alternate to cast the vote for each member municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Aldermen OF THE CITY OF PETAL

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Municipal League, the voting delegate(s) for the 2026 Mississippi Municipal League election to be held at the annual convention on June 30th are as follows:

Voting Delegate: Tony Ducker, Mayor

First Alternate: Craig Bullock, Alderman

That public interest and necessity requiring same, this Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

The above and foregoing Resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Alderman Lott, seconded by Alderman Steele, and was adopted by the following vote, to, wit:

YEAS: Alderman Bullock
Alderman Brickson
Alderman Lott
Alderman Nobles
Alderman Steele
Alderman Strickland
Alderwoman Stinger

NAYS: NONE

The Mayor thereby declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted, this the 2nd day of June 2026

The above and foregoing Resolution having been submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 2nd day of June 2026.

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Attest

Mayor Tony Ducker

Melissa Martin, City Clerk

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