



# BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 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 Mike Lott

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to add "Request to add a stop sign at Clark and E 2nd Ave."

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - Public Hearing 2/04/2025
- Minutes - Regular Meeting 2/04/2025
- Revenue & Expenditures - Jan 2025
- Court Balances - January 2025
- Resignation of Damiyen Leflore in the Police Dept eff. 2/11/2025
- Privilege License Report - Jan 2025
- Utility Billing Aging - Jan 2025

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Margrave - has no trash can; has been getting billed.

Motion to authorize the City Clerk to adjust charges back to Feb 2021 when the can was picked up.

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

Kammie Carpenter - Todd Jackson from ADP will be the speaker in March. Wanted to clarify that the River Park is still available for Riverside Christmas. Dates needed are Nov 2, 2025 - Jan 15, 2026.

Motion to approve with the understanding that there is no conflict with current scheduled events.

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

Jodie Brickson - Petal Arts Council update. Next class is March 8, Pine Needle Basket Class. Website is [www.petalarts.org](http://www.petalarts.org)

### PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

**BIDS — QUOTES**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Request to adopt order hiring Jon Howell as 1st Class Patrol at a rate of \$19.23 per hour effective Feb. 19, 2025.  
(Chief Hiatt)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to hire  
A full-time police officer

It is hereby ordered that Jon Howell be  
Hired as 1<sup>st</sup> Class Patrol at a rate of  
\$19.23 per hour effective February 19, 2025

So ordered this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

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 dispose of the following in the Recreation Dept

- Frigidaire Microwave, S#KG81641895
- Frigidaire Freezer, S# WBS2620855
- Stihl Weedeater FS566

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 dispose of approx. 1600 meter registers in the Water Dept. (CWS)

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 authorize the City Clerk to pay Grady Crawford Construction Estimate 1 and Estimate 2 in the amount  
of \$550,783.63 for Castlewoods Sewer Improvements 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 authorize the City Clerk to pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$315,247.46 to Walters Construction for  
2024 Street Overlay per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

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

Request to buyout Kelly Days for the Fire Dept eff. March 18, 2025. (Chief Sims)

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 appoint Shawn Elkins as Ward 1 Planning Commissioner for a term to expire in July 2026. (G Steele)

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 place a stop sign on E 2nd Ave at Clark St.

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

**SEMINARS & TRAVEL**

Request for the following to attend the MAPDD Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS on April 23-25, 2025.

Drew Brickson - \$604.00 + mileage

Gerald Steele - \$967.50 + mileage

Kim Stringer - \$604.00 + mileage

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 MML for On-Demand Webinars taken by Gerald Steele in the amount of \$200.00. (Steele)

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 pay Abby Shows \$378.00 mileage for travel to IAED 40-hr Basic Dispatcher Class in Lucedale, MS. (Lt. Walley)

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 pay Shalane Davison mileage in the amount of \$190.40 for travel to two different classes in Columbia, MS and Collins, MS. (Lt. Walley)

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 Abby Shows to 3rd Class Dispatcher at a rate of \$15.76 per hour effective 2/19/2025. (Chief Hiatt)

##### Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to  
Promote Abby Shows in the Police Dept

It is hereby ordered that Abby Shows be  
Promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Dispatcher at a  
Rate of \$15.76 per hour effective  
February 19, 2025

So ordered this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

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

Motion to have legal review for sixty (60) days.

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 setting the rates of pay for Election officials. (City Clerk)

##### Order

Whereas, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to  
Increase the rates of pay for Election Officials

It is hereby ordered, pursuant to MS Code of 1972  
23-15-229, that election officials be paid as follows:

Election Commissioners - \$250.00 per Election Day

Poll Workers - \$200.00 per Election Day

Receiving Manager – Additional \$25.00

Returning Manager – Additional \$25.00

Resolution Board - \$150.00 per Election Day

So ordered this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Still working on language for auto repair shops for review in March or April.

Mayor Pro Temp Bullock will sit in for Mayor Ducker at the first meeting in March.

Ada Madison - E Central Ave needs some repairs.

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

**LEGAL**

**ADJOURN**

PRCC Legislative Breakfast is coming up in late February, early March.

Black History Month Celebration at the Civic Center on Saturday.

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