

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 12, 2011
5:30 P.M.

This is a Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, held the 12th day of April, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor H. Scott Ross, Selectman Rod Bobo, Selectman Homer Cannon, Selectman Charles Collins, Selectman Keith McBrayer and Selectman Jasper Pittman.

Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order and called Selectman Homer Cannon to offer invocation and CAO Randy Jones, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance,

Mayor Ross called for the approval of March 8, 2011, Regular Minutes.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve March 12, Regular Minutes.

The Motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the approval of March, 2011 Claims Docket.

Selectman Rod Bobo made the motion to approve March, 2011 Claims Docket

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called on Ms. Martha Allen, Director of Community Development with Growth Alliance. Ms. Allen encouraged Mayor Ross, Board of Selectmen and the West Point, Community to participate in the Community Wide Clean Up day April 30, 2011 from 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Mayor Ross informed the Board of Selectmen that the State Statute: Section 25-1-87 of the Mississippi Code states that municipalities may authorize the use of specified, unmarked police vehicles.

Selectman Rod Bobo made the motion to authorize the use of unmarked police vehicles in the City of West Point.

The motion received a second from Selectman Homer Cannon

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the approval of the Industrial Resolution and the Free Port Resolution requested by Navistar Defense, LLC (F/K/A Griffin West Point, LLC) for the exemption of Ad Valorem

Taxes for a period of 5 years.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve of the requested Resolutions from Navistar Defense .

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING APPROVAL FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADVALOREM TAXES AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 27-31-51 ET SEQ OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE, 1972, AS AMENDED, FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT THROUGH MISSISSIPPI WHEN SUCH PERSONAL PROPERTY IS CONSIGNED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE FREE PORT WAREHOUSE OPERATED BY NAVISTAR DEFENSE, LLC (F/K/A GRIFFIN WEST POINT, LLC) FOR STORAGE IN TRANSIT TO A FINAL DESTINATION OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AS APPROVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE TAX COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC) filed with this Board its application for free port warehouse license and submitted the license fee, a copy of said application is attached and made a part hereof; and,

WHEREAS, Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC) requests exemption from ad valorem tax authorized by Section 27-31-51 et seq of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, for personal property in transit through Mississippi when such personal property is consigned or transferred to the free port warehouse operated by Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC) for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, that approval for free port warehouse license and exemption from ad valorem tax for personal property in transit through Mississippi when such personal property is consigned or transferred to the free port warehouse operated by Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC) for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi as described in their application dated March 15, 2011, be and hereby is granted, this the day ____ of _____, 2011.

(SEAL)

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

Lela Q. Jack, Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, CLAY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, GRANTING APPROVAL OF AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO NAVISTAR DEFENSE, LLC (F/K/A GRIFFIN WEST POINT, LLC)

WHEREAS, heretofore, Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC), filed in triplicate with this Board its application for exemption from ad valorem taxation dated March 15, 2011 ; and

WHEREAS, Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC), has produced written verification and documentation to this Board as to the authenticity and correctness of its application in regard to the true value of the prayed for exemption, the completion date of said enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds as a fact that the property described in the aforesaid application constitutes certain personal property (equipment) in the amount of \$3,569.98 purchased and placed into service during the calendar year 2010, as a continuing business operation, and that said company is entitled to an exemption sought for a period of five (5) years on personal property beginning December 31, 2010, for personal property in the amount of \$3,569.98 , and real property in the amount of \$0.00 , subject to the approval and certification by the Mississippi State Tax Commission; and

WHEREAS, the true value of all personal property to be exempted is \$3,569.98, and all real property to be exempted is \$0.00 as shown in the itemized list, approved by this Board, and attached to the application as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, as follows:

1. That the application for ad valorem tax exemption by Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC), sought for a period of five (5) years beginning December 31, 2010, on the property described in the application filed by said company for tax exemption, at a true value of \$ 3,569.98 , allocated as personal property, and \$0.00 allocated as real property, be and the same is hereby approved, subject to approval and certificate by the Mississippi State Tax commission.

2. That Navistar Defense, LLC (f/k/a Griffin West Point, LLC), is hereby granted tax exemption on ad valorem taxes, except West Point Municipal Separate School District ad valorem taxation, sought for a period of five (5) years, beginning December 31, 2010.
3. That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to spread a copy of this Order on the minutes of this Board, and that said Clerk shall forward the original and three certified copies of the application and a certified copy of the transcript of this Order approving said application to the Mississippi State Tax Commission for its approval and certification, and said Clerk shall also forward a certified copy to the tax assessor of Clay County, Mississippi, and obtain the Certificate of said Tax Assessor stating that said personal and real property as itemized in the application has been placed on the appropriate tax roll as "non-taxable", except for West Point Municipal Separate School District ad valorem taxes, for the duration of the exemption period only.

After full discussion of this matter, motion was made by Selectman _____, second by Selectman _____, that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and upon being put to a vote, was unanimously adopted by the affirmative vote of all members of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen present.

WHEREUPON, the foregoing Resolution was declared passed and adopted on this the _____ day of _____, 2011.

(SEAL)

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

Lela Q. Jack, Clerk

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Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the Department Head Reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Mike St.Louis, Building Report; Dwight Prisock Interim Electric Superintendent; Wasterwater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer, and Electric; Chief Johnny Littlefield, Fire Department; Bobby Lane, Interim Police Chief; Joey Wright, Public Works; and James Crowley, Park and Recreation.

Mayor Ross called for questions or comments from the Department Heads and questions or comments from the Board of Selectmen. Chief Lane requested the Board's permission to hire 5 auxiliary policemen. They are as follows: Mr. Eric Dixon, Mr. Exzekiel Lasawn Randle, Ms. Charlotte Ann Poole, Mr. Jaruis Boyd, and Mr. Jeremy Bell.

Selectman Homer Cannon made the motion to hire the 5 requested auxiliary policemen.

The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the approval to advertise for a public hearing-to amend the 2006 property maintenance code and to codify ordinance. This request was in reference to nuisance properties in the City of West Point.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve to advertise for a public hearing

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called on Selectman Rod Bobo to expound on item 8 on the agenda.

Selectman Rod Bobo stated that he was making a “formal” request that the record would show that he was requesting from all departments a working draft of their budget proposal by the next Regular Meeting.. The Finance Committee stated that they would meet and give a report to the Board.

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Mayor Ross stated that the Red Cross had requested a donation from the City. Mayor Ross informed the Board of Selectmen this was one of the entity by state statue that the City can support and this would not need Board's action. Selectman Rod Bobo rescued himself because he serves on the Red Cross Board.

Mayor Ross stated for information for the Board of Selectmen to think on was a smoke ban for the City owned property; offices, cars, and any City owned properties. Item was tabled.

Mayor Ross called on Selectman Charles Collins to state his concerns with items 11 on the agenda. Selectman Charles Collins, stated that if the City had constituent services in place the City would provide a direct linkage between the citizens of West Point,the Mayor's Office, and the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Collins stated that this service would provide information and efficient services not only to West Point concerned citizens but to any visitors. No action was taken.

Mayor Ross called on CAO, Mr. Randy Jones to explain item 12 on the agenda. Mr. Jones stated that any time the City purchase real estate it has to be approved by the Board. Located on Lone Oak is a parcel that is about 50x 100 feet that needs to be purchased to build a pump station for the sewer expansion project.

Selectman Rod Bobo made the motion for the City to purchase the property located on Lone Oak,but not to exceed \$1,000.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Motion carried.	

Mayor Ross started old business with Dr. Johnnie Rasberry.

Dr. Rasberry, presented his written report to the Board of Selectmen requesting support for his youth program. Mayor Ross stated that it was a timely request because the Board was starting on the FY-12 budget. No action was taken.

CAO, Mr. Randy Jones requested that the Board of Selectmen approve the Resolution to adopt FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Mr. Jones stated that the mandate for the adoption was by May 3, 2011.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion to adopt the following resolution:
Selectman Jasper Pittman, made a second to the motion.

Resolution

Whereas: The City of West Point, Mississippi is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and

Whereas: Continued participation in the program is contingent on adopting the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Study for Clay County and the City of West Point, Mississippi and the associated Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps prior to May 3rd, 2011, and

Whereas: It is the desire of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen to continue participation in the NFIP, now

Therefore: Be It Resolved: the Board of Mayor and Selectmen for the City of West Point Mississippi hereby adopt the National Flood Insurance Study for Clay County and the City of West Point, Mississippi and the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps as published, effective May 3, 2011, and hereby amends or declares that all conflict with reference to the current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance dated November 8, 2005 is amended or repealed as appropriate.

Be It further Resolved that subsequent to the necessary public hearing, the Board of Mayor and Selectmen for the City of West Point, Mississippi intend to adopt the Draft Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance dated April 7, 2011.

Mayor Ross opened the floor for discussion and after hearing no further, discussion called for a vote and the results were as follows:

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

Attest: _____


(SEAL)

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Motion carried.	

No actions were taken on Item 15, Boards appointment and item 16, Redistricting Proposals. There were three police officers that completed their Law Enforcement Training at Moore Head Law Enforcement Training Academy. The following officers took their Oath of Office to support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

OATH OF OFFICE

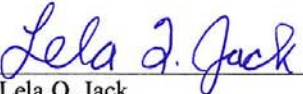
I, **Cedric Sykes**, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and obey all laws thereof; that I am not disqualified from holding the office of **Police Officer for the City of West Point, Mississippi**; that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.


Cedric Sykes

CERTIFICATE

I, Lela Q. Jack, Clerk for the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby certify that the above named Cedric Sykes appeared before me on the 14th day of March, 2011, and that he took the Oath of Office above written as prescribed by law.

WITNESSE MY SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI, this 14th day of March, 2011.


Lela Q. Jack
City Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Glen S. Barnette, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the
(Printed or Typed Name)
United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and the Ordinances of the City
of West Point, Mississippi and obey all laws thereof; and that I am not disqualified from holding the office of:
Police Officer, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.
(position)
So help me God.

Glen S. Barnette
(Signature)

CERTIFICATE

I, Lela Jack, Clerk for the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby certify that the above named individual,
Glen S. Barnette, appeared before me on the 18th day of
March, 20 11, and that he/she took the Oath of Office above written as prescribed by law.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI,
this 18th day of March, 20 11.

Lela J. Jack
Lela Jack
City Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Bryan P Anderson do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the
(Printed or Typed Name)
United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and the Ordinances of the City
of West Point, Mississippi and obey all laws thereof; and that I am not disqualified from holding the office of:
Police Officer, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.
(position)
So help me God.


(Signature)

CERTIFICATE

I, Lela Jack, Clerk for the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby certify that the above named individual,
Bryan P. Anderson, appeared before me on the 18th day of
March, 2011, and that he/she took the Oath of Office above written as prescribed by law.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI,
this 18th day of March, 2011.


Lela Jack
City Clerk

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Selectman Keith McBrayer motioned to close the meeting to determined if there was a need for an executive session.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss Economic Development and personnel.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for a motion to sell a parcel of City own property for Economic Development.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to sell the property.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

The vote was unanimous and carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to come out of executive session

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion carried.

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Mayor Ross announced to the public that Board's action was to sell a parcel of City own property to a unnamed prospect.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adjourn.

The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted "Aye"

Motion carried.

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

(SEAL)

Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk