

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
JANUARY 10, 2012  
5:30 P.M.

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi was held the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012, 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, Selectman Jasper Pittman and Board's Attorney Orlando Rod Richmond.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order and called Selectman Homer Cannon to offer invocation and CAO Randy Jones to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Department of Archives and History awarded the City a grant for \$100,000 for the purpose of roof repair at the West Point Electric Building. Mr. Jones stated that the Electric Building was recognized as being one of the City's oldest historical building in the City. Mr. Roger Pryor of Pryor & Morrow Architects was present to give the Board a general knowledge about the building and his fees to take on the project. Mr. Pryor stated that the West Point Electric Building had a unique title on the roof and only one company in the United States made it. Mr. Pryor explained that he had talked to the director of Archives and History in Jackson, Mississippi about there was another company that made a similar title. Mr. Pryor stated that Archives and History was reviewing sample tiles now to compare the titles(*the objected is for the bid process to be more competitive*). Mr. Pryor projected to the Board his fee of \$12,000 would be the amount for him to manage this project.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion for Mr. Roger Pryor of Pryor & Morrow Architects to manage the reroofing project at the Electric Building.

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.

Item 2, comp time policy was tabled until Mr. Jones could reviewed the language in the policy.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to table item 3, Audit Report until the Board meets with the Auditors so that they could give clarity to some of the findings in Audit Report.

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.

Board Attorney Orlando Richmond will review the statue to find out if the City would be out of compliance if the McClure Building and the Clay County Daily Times Leader did not have a Sprinkler System added. No action was taken was on item 4.

Mayor Ross called on Selectman Bobo to expound on item 5, Temporarily Drafted Moratorium.

Selectman Bobo explained that the moratorium was drafted for one year that ended in August, 2011.

Selectman Bobo made the motion to extend the Temporarily Drafted Moratorium for a period of six (6) months.

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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Ross stated that the agenda items listed under the Consent Agenda:

Item 6, Approval of December 13, 2011 Board Minutes.

Item 7, Approval of December 2011 Claims Docket:

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General City: \$3,971,317.42  
West Point Electric: \$ 73,101.22  
West Point Water: \$ 751,958.54

Item 8. Emergency Declaration

Item 9. Certificate of Appointment for the Housing Authority/ Mr. Ralph Nichols.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, the undersigned, H. Scott Ross, Mayor of the City of West Point, Mississippi, do hereby certify that by motion, second and a unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 (a copy of said Board Minutes being attached hereto), the following named person, a bona fide resident citizen of said City, was duly appointed to serve as Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi for the period beginning with this appointment and ending on the date appearing after his respective name.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF EXPIRATION OF TERM</u>
Ralph Nichols	January 10, 2016

Given under my hand and seal of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.



H. Scott Ross, Mayor of the City of  
West Point, Mississippi

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Lela Q. Jack, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of West Point, Mississippi hereby certify that the Certificate for Appointment at the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of said City held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011, of Ralph Nichols as Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi, appears of record in Minute Book 36 at page T-6 A of the minutes of said Board of Mayor and Selectmen in my official custody, insofar as said minutes relate to the appointment of Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi, that the copy of the Certificate of Appointment is true, complete and accurate and that the minutes attached hereto are an accurate copy of the minutes as adopted at said meeting and now on file and of record in the offices of City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of West Point, Mississippi on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.



Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk

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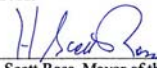
Item 10. Oath of Member & Certificate of Appointment for the Housing Authority, Ms. Carolyn J. Poston

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, the undersigned, H. Scott Ross, Mayor of the City of West Point, Mississippi, do hereby certify that by motion, second and a unanimous vote by the Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi on the 13th day of December, 2011 (a copy of said Board Minutes being attached hereto), the following named person, a bona fide resident citizen of said City, was duly appointed to serve as Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi for the period beginning with this appointment and ending on the date appearing after her respective name.

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>DATE OF EXPIRATION OF TERM</u></b>
Carolyn J. Poston	January 10, 2017

Give under my hand and seal of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi on this the 10th day of January 9, 2012.

  
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H. Scott Ross, Mayor of the City of  
West Point, Mississippi

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Lela Q. Jack, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of West Point, Mississippi hereby certify that the Certificate for Appointment at the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of said City held on the 13th day of December, 2011, of Carolyn J. Poston as Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi, appears of record in Minute Book 36 at page T B A of the minutes of said Board of Mayor and Selectmen in my official custody, insofar as said minutes relate to the appointment of Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi, that the copy of the Certificate of Appointment is true, complete and accurate and that the minutes attached hereto are an accurate copy of the minutes as adopted at said meeting and now on file and of record in the offices of City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of West Point, Mississippi on this the 10th day of January, 2012.

  
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Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk

OATH OF MEMBER OF

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

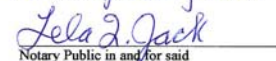
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI)

COUNTY OF CLAY)

I, Carolyn J. Poston, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Mississippi, and obey the laws thereof, that I am not disqualified from holding the office of Board Member of the Housing Authority of the City of West Point, Mississippi; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter.

  
Carolyn J. Poston

Sworn to and subscribed before me, on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012

  
Lela D. Jack  
Notary Public in and for said  
County and State

My Commission Expires



Mayor Ross called Dr. Johnny Rasberry, the first public appearance to the podium. Dr. Rasberry's concerns were the millage rates for the West Point School District and the consolidation of West Point School District and the West Clay School District. Mr. Chad Scott was the last public appearance and he expressed his concern of West Point citizens having a choice of having fluoride in the City's water. No actions were taken on either of the public appearance concerns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ross called for department heads' reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Mike St. Louis, Building Report; Dwight Prisock, Electric Superintendent; Wasterwater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer and Electric; Chief Johnny Littlefields, Fire Department; Chief Tim Brinkley, Police Department; Joey Wright, Public Works; and James

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Crowley, Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Ross Called for questions or comments from the Department Heads and questions or comments from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Cannon asked Mr. Jones about the Bugg Street project. Mr. Jones stated that he had checked on the project that day. Selectman Pittman's concern was the street overlay. When streets are repaired the streets are left not as smooth as they were before the repair. Mayor Ross suggested that a combined effort of the City and the County to purchase a asphalt and paving machine that would fix the streets smoothly. Selectman Rod Bobo asked Department Head Joey Wright, did he have a planned route for the street sweeper? Mr. Wright stated that the sweeper travel the route of the garbage truck. Mayor Ross asked Assistant Police Chief Avery Cook, to give an update on his department. Assistant Chief Cook stated that the month of October, is when crime begin to rise. Chief Cook also told how many burglaries were committed in November and December, of 2011 and Cook stated how many were arrested that were responsible for these crimes how many were apprehended and some of the items were recovered in Columbus, MS. Mayor Ross stated that him and Chief Brinkley were using all measure to bring this matter under control by canceling all leaves until further notice and activating all the auxiliary officers. Selectman Collins asked Mr. Jones what would be the impact the increase in the Health Insurance would have on the City?. Mr. Jones stated that the City's insurance renew always at the first of the year. This year there was a 6% increase of family coverage. Mr. Jones explained that the Mayor Ross approve of the City covering the additional cost to the employees. Mayor Ross stated that the employees that have family coverage would have to pay for their dependent coverage the increase of 6%. Selectman Cannon's concern was the City of West Point, approving of a reassessment of property in a particular area about twelve years ago.

Assistant Chief Cook made recommendation to hire three officers; Mr. Kevin C. Smiley, Mr. Elbert E. Smith, and Mr. Nick Coe.

Selectman Jasper Pittman accepted the recommendations of Assistant Police Chief Avery Cook to hire three Police Officers.

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: "Aye"  
Selectman Homer Cannon Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Charles Collins Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Keith McBrayer Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Jasper Pittman Voted: "Aye"  
Motion carried.

Mayor Ross expressed to the Board that the last item under New Business, Development Code Amendments has been an endeavor the Mr. Pete O'Shea and the Planning Commission had been working on for a length of time. Mayor Ross expressed that Mr. O'Shea would be at the next work session to expound on the Development Code.

Mayor Ross stated that he was not aware of any need for an executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adjourn.

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: "Aye"  
Selectman Homer Cannon Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Charles Collins Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Keith McBrayer Voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Jasper Pittman Voted: "Aye"  
Motion carried.

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H. Scott Ross, Mayor

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Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk