

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
MAY 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 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, and Selectman Jasper Pittman.

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

Mayor Ross announced the commencement of a public hearing, that was published in the Daily Times Leader in regards to the City applying to Mississippi Development Authority for a Public Facilities Community Development Block Grant. This grant would be used to improve the drainage problems in areas where there are low to moderate income families. Mayor Ross stated that Ms. Patsy Patterson, of the Golden Triangle Development would address the questions of the citizens. Mr. Jimmy Davidson, asked if there was money left after the project was finished; would the additional proceeds be used on another project? Ms. Patterson answered was “no”. The funds were granted for that project especially and the left over funds could not be used to start another project. Selectman Charles Collins asked if there was no economic development going on, would the use of the grant be limited? Ms. Patterson stated that the grant was for improvements to the City low and moderate areas where there were drainage problems. In other words the grant only could be used for what the resolution stated. Ms. Carolyn Poston asked what was the dead line for those citizen that were effected by the flood to submit letters to state their concerns. Ms. Patterson stated that the letters should be submitted by May 18, 2012. Mayor Ross asked the public were there any more questions or concerns? There was no response. Mayor Ross declared the Public Hearing was closed. Mayor Ross explained that the Resolution was a committed match by the City to fund this project with cash and inkind services.

Selectman Homer Cannon motioned that the resolution be approved.

The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST POINT TO  
COMMIT LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR  
A PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT UNDER THE  
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi has funds available under the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program for Public Facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Point has a specific community development need for drainage improvements which can be corrected or alleviated by using grant funds under the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Point is submitting an application to the Mississippi Development Authority for a public facilities grant for drainage improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of West Point commits One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) in the form of cash and in-kind services to the total project, contingent upon approval of said project by the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program.

**SO BE IT RESOLVED** on this, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi in a regular Board Meeting.

CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

  
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H. Scott Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lela Jack, City Clerk

MINUTES OF INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING  
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
2012 CDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES APPLICATION  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
MAY 8, 2012

A public hearing was held at the City Hall in West Point, Mississippi, at 5:30 PM on May 8, 2012. The purpose of this hearing was to gain input into the development of a 2012 CDBG Public Facilities grant application for drainage improvements along Town Creek in the City of West Point. The proposed improvements are in a low-income area of the City, which floods frequently during heavy rains.

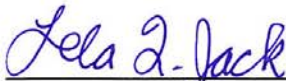
Patsy Patterson and Spencer Brooks from Golden Triangle Planning and Development District, were present at the hearing and advised those present of the project guidelines, rating factors, submission date and other relevant matters regarding the application. Ms. Patterson asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the submission of this application. There were comments and discussion regarding the need for the project. The only comments received at this hearing were in support of submitting this application.

There were no negative comments received on this project. A roster of those attending is attached.



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Mayor



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Clerk

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

Selectman Rod Bob 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 stated that item 2, City redistricting had been visited several times. There were three consultants that submitted their proposals; Stennis Institute, Golden Triangle Planning and Development and Jerry Wilson Law Firm.

Selectman Homer Cannon motioned that the Wilson Law Firm's proposal be accepted.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made a substitution motion to accept Attorney Richmond's recommendation to accept The Golden Triangle Plannings' proposal .

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

After hearing a lengthy discussion, it was suggested for Mayor Ross to call for a roll call vote and the results were as follows .

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”  
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Nay”  
Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Nay”  
Selectman Rod Bobo voted: “Nay”  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Motion failed.

Selectman Homer Cannon withdrew his motion to accept the Wilson Law Firm's proposal..

Selectman Charles motioned that the City Attorney Orlando Richmond contact the Wilson Law Firm and provide the Board his findings about the Wilson Law Firm.

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 Bob voted: “Aye”  
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

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Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called Ms. Rosemary Harden, the only public appearance to come before the Board. Ms. Harden explained that she lived on Illinois Street and about March of 2012, an electric surge went through her electric line along with two other neighbors. Ms. Harden stated her lost of appliances and her computer was due to the surge of high voltage of electricity went through her electric lines to her home. Mr. Priscock, Superintendent of the Electric Department assessed the damages and reported the finds to the City's insurance carrier.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Ross asked the Board were there any item on the consent agenda that needed to be removed for discussion and if not he asked for a motion for the consent agenda to be approved.

Item 4, Approval of March 13, 2012 Board Minutes.

Item 5, Approval of April 10, 2012 Board Minutes.

Item 6, Approval of April 23, 2012 Special Board Minutes

Item 7, Approval of April 2012, Claims Docket

**General City:** **\$1,525,075.18**

**West Point Electric:** **\$ 83,889.44**

**West Point Water & Sewer:** **\$ 241,661.15**

Item 8, Emergency Declaration

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

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 Bob voted: “Aye”

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the Department Head's Reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Dwight Prisock, Electric Superintendent and Interim Building Inspector; Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer and Electric, Building; Chief Johnnie Littlefield, Fire Department; Chief Tim Brinkley, Police Department; Joey Wright, Public Works; James Crowley, Park and Recreation; and Teresa Moore, Office of Constituent Services.

Mayor Ross called for questions or comments from the Department Heads and questions or comments from the board of Selectmen. CAO Randy Jones, announced that Memorial Day Services was going to be observed May 30, 2012 upstairs at City Hall. Selectman Rod Bobo asked when was the sewer expansion would start on Industrial Access Road? Mr. Prisock answered around mid May. Selectman inquired about the status of the FY 2012-2013 budget. Mayor Ross stated that the Finance Committee anticipating meeting that week. Selectman Charles Collins addressed CAO, Randy Jones about the area of Railroad Street that need to be cleaned up. Mr. Jones stated that the City was in the process of cleaning up that area when the weather permits. Selectman Homer Cannon expressed to Mr. Wright, Director of Public Works that citizens in that area of Division Street near the old Artex building were concern about the overgrown ditches and pest in that area. Mayor Ross suggested to the Board that the property could be declared a public nuisance.

Selectman Jasper Pittman motioned that the property surrounding the old Artex Building be declared as a public nuisance.

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 Bob 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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Selectman Charles Collins asked Mr. Wright was Mr. Claude Cartee, the City Shop Foreman retiring. Mr. Wright stated that he did not oversee that department ( *Mr. Cartee is retiring in June, 2012*). Selectman Collins asked Chief Brinkley about the continuing speeding on Lone Oak. Chief Brinkley stated that officers were being dispatched to that area. Chief Brinkley explained that the City of West Point Police Department was given a Municipal League Award for the implementation of a plan that was used to collect old fines of the active warrant list. The list of names of peoples that owe old fines are listed in the local paper Daily Times Leader twice a month. The Department would be awarded at the annual June, MML meeting in Biloxi MS.

Selectman Homer Cannon made the motion to advertise for the Code Enforcer for the Building Department.

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 Bob voted: “Aye”

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer commended Eagle Scout Dallas O'Bryant, (the son of Mr. Mark and Mrs. Marilda O'Bryant) for his loyal commitment to the Boys Scouts of America.

No action was taken on item 10, Proposed new Interlocal Jail Agreement.

No action was taken on item 11, SEDC Services Agreement for software system at the Electric Department.

Mayor Ross stated that the Resolution for the 1% tourism tax increase was signed by both the House and the Senate and now awaiting Governor Phil Bryant's signature. Mayor Ross said that the House Bill 1672 would probably would be signed by May 22, or earlier. After the bill is signed by the governor, a special election would be held. Sixty percents of the voters that vote at the special election would be the deciding factor whether the 1% levy could be collected for tourism.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion that the special election be held August 11, 2012.

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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 Bob 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 stated that he was not aware of any other business to come before the Board.

Selectman Charles made the motion to adjourn.

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 Bob 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