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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER 13, 2012
5:30 P.M.

Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 13th day of November 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 Jasper Pittman, and City Clerk Lela Q. Jack.

Absent: Selectman Keith McBrayer, CAO Randy Jones, and Board Attorney, Orlando Rod Richmond.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order and called on Selectman Homer Cannon to offer invocation and Mayor Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ross started old business by stating that a public hearing was advertised and he declared the Public Hearing was opened for the purpose of comments regarding issues with Comcast.

Superintendent of the Electric Department, Mr. Dwight Prisock gave an update on the meeting with Comcast's Consultants. It was mutually agreed that the City was underpaid for both franchising, attachments on City poles, and new rate schedule. The underpayment amount was \$5,277.43. Comcast also should have been paying 5 percent on all cable bills and they were not. Comcast started business in West Point in 1962; with the agreement of a \$1.50 fee per pole. Selectman Collins asked were there any other providers who asked for quotes? Mr. Prisock stated yes and also stated that AT&T was offering a fiber optic service. Selectman Pittman asked was the City satisfied with Comcast services? Mr. Prisock stated that because of cable cost it would be too costly for another provider to install services. Mr. Jimmy Davidson agreed after hearing discussions that the City should keep Comcast. Mayor Ross asked were there any more comments? Mayor Ross closed the public hearing with no action by the Board.

Mayor Ross stated that item two was the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City and County and was approved by the Attorney General Office and it is on the agenda for the Board's final approval. Selectman Bobo referenced paragraph two of the Attorney

General's opinion that the agreement extend beyond the current Board and can be violable by the succeeding Board.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the Attorney General's Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Clay County.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

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

Insert Agreement

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>' Absent'</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>"Aye"</u>

Motion Carried.

City Clerk stated that at the August 14, 2012 Board Meeting the minutes did not state all of Chief Brinkley's recommendations to hire in his department. It minutes should have stated that Chief Brinkley's recommendations were to hire two Police Officers, but due to the budget restraints he requested to hire Auxiliary Officer, Alex Jackson as a Police Officer immediately with the anticipation to bring on the other applicant who is from Tupelo, Mississippi, in October, or November of this year.

Selectman Jasper Pittman accepted Chief Brinkley's recommendations and to hire Auxiliary Officer, Alex Jackson effectively immediately.

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>" Absent"</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>"Aye"</u>

Motion Carried.

Mayor Ross stated the next agenda item was public appearances was the next agenda item; Ms. Tiffany Allen, Mr. Steve Roberson, Mr. Tommy Allen and Ms. Susan Holder were residents of Southern Colony Subdivision and their concerns were the power surged that caused damages to their household appliances on August 28. These issues were submitted to the City's insurance agent. There was no action taken. Mrs. Sherri White spoke on behalf of the organization Excel by 5 and she Mrs. Sherri informed the Board and the community that this program was in existence to help all children in West Point and Clay County 5 years old and under to adjust to school before they enter first grade.

Mayor Ross asked the Board were there any other items consider separately 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.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Item 5, Approval of October 9, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Item 6, Approval of October 2012, Claims Dockets

General City:	\$2,497,741.60
West Point Electric	\$ 92,318.25
West Point Water & Sewer	\$ 105,363.10

Item 7 Emergency Declaration

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>“ Absent”</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion Carried.

Mayor Ross started new business with Mrs. Kristen Stevens of Main Street Design Committee. Mrs. Stevens informed the Board of the mandatory guide lines by Mississippi Department of Transportation changes in streets signs (*City Officials were aware of the mandatory guidelines*). The

Main Street Design Committee wanted to help replace the signs from Division Street to East Street and from Main Street to Broad Street. The signs would cost \$9,200 and the Committee asked the Board to split the cost. Selectman Pittman asked Mrs. Steven had she requested the same from the County? Her reply was no. Mayor Ross stated that he would look at the Street Department budget to see if that budget would support the request. No Board action was taken. Mayor Ross called for the Department Heads' Reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Dwight Prisock, Electric Superintendent and Interim Builder Inspector, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer and Electric; 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.

Mayor Ross called for questions or comments from the Department Heads and questions or comments from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Homer Ivy, Pubic Works Supervisor in the absent of Pubic Works Director gave recommendation to hire Mr. Curtis Bilbo full time.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to hire Mr. Curtis Bilbo full time.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Selectman Bobo asked Mr. Ivy was that the recommendation of Public Works Director, Mr. Joey Wright? Mr. Ivy stated "yes". Selectman Bobo also asked about Mr. Bilbo's pay. Mayor Ross stated that the pay was entry level.

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>' Absent'</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>"Aye"</u>

Motion Carried.

Selectman Homer Cannon asked about the Junk Vehicle Ordinance. Selectman Cannon's concern was if the vehicle was still operational? Mr. Prisock stated that the ordinance addresses parking surfaces and operational vehicles. Mayor Ross suggested that Attorney Richmond review the Junk Vehicle Ordinance to report clarity to the Board on the Junk Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Prisock gave an update on the project that Semens had started. The energy office proficiency. Most of the lightings had been

replaced in City owned buildings, water and electric meters were on order, and equipment for energy control temperature. Mr. Crowley reported that lights at the soccer field were in place and the rest were on order.

Mayor Ross called for item 10, the last item on the agenda.

Selectman Homer Cannon presented to the Board an Insurance Broker, Mr. Homer Braylock that who could give the Board a quote on Health Insurance for the City. Selectman Rod Bobo asked if the City was constructional bounded with the current providers? Mayor Ross stated that he could not give an answer that night.

Selectman Homer Cannon made the motion that Mr. Homer Braylock, of Ridgeland, MS present a quote to the Board for Health Care Insurance.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

After more discussion, Selectman Cannon made an alternate motion

Selectman Homer Cannon made a motion of intent for Mr. Braylock to present quotes provided pending legal advice from the City Attorney Richmond.

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>‘ Absent’</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Motion Carried.

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

Selectman Rod Bobo 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	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Homer Cannon voted	<u>“Aye”</u>
Selectman Charles Collins voted	<u>“Aye”</u>

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted

“Absent”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted

“Aye”

Motion Carried.

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

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Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk