

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
FEBRUARY 12, 2013
5:30 P.M.

Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 12th day of February 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Present Mayor H. Scott Ross, Selectman Homer Cannon, Selectman Charles Collins, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman Jasper Pittman, CAO Randy Jones and City Clerk Lela Q. Jack.

Absent: Selectman Rod Bobo and Attorney Orlando 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 stated that agenda item 1, Department of Justice Clearance Letter in reference to the Redistricting Plan for the City of West Point.



U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

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DJ 166-012-3
2012-5781

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Washington, DC 20530*

January 24, 2013

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Dear Mr. Richmond:

This refers to the 2012 redistricting plan for the City of West Point in Clay County, Mississippi, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on December 11, 2012.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified change. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the change. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43.

Sincerely,


T. Christian Herren, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section

Mayor Ross stated that agenda item 2, was the Interlocal Agreement Official Opinion from Attorney General Department. This opinion invokes housing of City of West Point inmates in Clay County Detention Facility.

Mayor Ross invited Dr. Bill East to the podium which was the only public appearance. Dr. East expressed funding for D.A.R.E. Program thought presented a House Bill that he proposed. The resolution if adopted by the Legislator would levy an assessment, not to exceed two dollars (\$2.00) per case, for each criminal case processed through the Municipal Court of the City of West Point. This proposal would not cost the City any expense.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adopt the resolution.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross asked the Board were there any other agenda items considered 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 Keith McBrayer 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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Item 4, Approval of February 12, 2013 minutes.

Item 5, Approval of February 2013 Claims Dockets

General City	<u>\$1,282,933.27</u>
West Point Electric	<u>\$ 178,813.35</u>
West Point Water & Sewer	<u>\$ 50,047.33</u>

Item 6, Declaration of Emergency.

Item 7, Renewal of Lease Building on Cottrell Street by Mr. Steven Craft.

Item 8, School Board Member Recognition Week in Mississippi proclaimed by Governor Phil Bryant, February 17-23.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school board members of West Point School District are committed to ensuring that the boys and girls of this community are provided the best education experiences available, to prepare them to compete effectively in today's ever-evolving global society; and,

WHEREAS, the school board members of West Point School District have been called upon to provide leadership in meeting more stringent accountability and student achievement goals in a climate of education budget cuts and overall economic uncertainty; and,

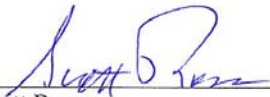
WHEREAS, the future of the West Point community depends to a great extent upon the quality of education provided by the West Point School District; and,

WHEREAS, the board of West Point School District have proven responsive to the community, seeking to serve the best interests of both children and community; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bryant has proclaimed February 17-23, 2013 as School Board Member Recognition Week in Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, this community owes deep gratitude to the West Point School District and its board members:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the members of the West Point Board of Mayor and Selectmen do hereby commend the School Board Members of West Point School District and salute them for their continued commitment to the children of our school system and the future of the West Point community.



Scott Ross
Mayor, City of West Point

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

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

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 Johnie Littlefield, Fire Department; Chief Tim Brinkley, Police Department; Joey Wright, Public Works; James Crowley, Prk and Recreation; and Teresa Moore, Office of Constituent.

Mayor Ross called for question or comments from the Department Heads and questions and comments from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Cannon referred to Public Works Director, Joey Wright that Cooperwood Street needed to be bladed, Selectman McBrayer referred to Superintendent, Dwight Prisock. Mayor Ross asked Park Director, James Crowley about the skate park. Mr. Crowley stated that only rain would stop the kids from coming.

Mayor Ross called Mr. Vaughn Blaylock to address items 10 – 12. Mr. Blaylock explained to the Board the process of reverse auction and enlighten the Board how it would be beneficial to the City to declare the City's track hoe a surplus. Mayor Ross ensured the Board that he was not declaring a sale of the track hoe but declaring the track hoe as a surplus but to advertise the equipment to see if this process is workable for the City.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to declare the track hoe a surplus with the right to view all bids.

The motion receives a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

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

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 motion to award the low bids for refuse bags and leaf bags to Mr. Blaylock, of Southern Procurement Services.

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 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 the County Board of Supervisor has passed a Resolution to name portion of U.S. Highway 45 Alternate that runs through the City of West Point, Mississippi as “Turner / Gibbs Memorial Highway” and recommended to the Mayor and Board of Selectmen the same. Mayor Ross explained that the County Board or City Board had the authority to name a state highway or federal highway but, the State Legislator did.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to accept the recommendation from the County Board.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Municipal Judge Mark Cliett submitted his letter of resignation as Municipal Judge of West Point, Mississippi, effected February 28, 2013.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to appoint Attorney Bennie L. Jones as the City’s Municipal Judge.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross recognized Mr. Fred Ivy was a Certified Class I Rubbish Site Operator for the City. This was must to keep the land field open. Mr. Robert Guest was the Rubbish Site Operator but he was

retiring.

Superintendent Dwight Prisock stated that the south tank down by Bryan was closed January, 2013. There was a changed order to change the color of the tank at the water department. There were bids submitted.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the low bid of Leher Painting Enterprises of Arkansas.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for a vote to see if there was a need to close the meeting to see if there was a need for an executive session.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to close the regular meeting to see if there was a need for an executive session.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

The public left the regular meeting and waited to be informed whether the Board would announce a need for an executive session.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Police Chief, Tim Brinkley’s recommendations to terminate Police Officer Kevin Smiley.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept Chief Brinkley’s recommendation to terminate Kevin Smiley.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Police Chief, Tim Brinkley’s recommendations to hire Ms. Mary Beth Watts and Mr. Ramirez Ivy as Police Officers.

Selectman Homer Cannon made the motion to accept Chief Brinkley’s recommendations to hire Mr. Mary Beth Watts and Mr. Ramirez Ivy as Police Officers.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Mr. Justin Estes as a full time City’s employee.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins to hire Mr. Justin Estes full time.

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

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the executive session.

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 Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

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

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: “Aye”

Selectman Charles Collins voted: “Aye”

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: “Aye”

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: “Aye”

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross had Mr. Jones to announce to the public that the executive session was closed.

Mayor Ross announced to the public that several actions were taken in executive session. Police Officer Kevin Smiley was terminated, Ms. Mary Beth Watts and Mr. Ramirez Ivy were hired as Police Officers and Mr. Justin Estes was hired full time at City Hall.

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

(SEAL)

Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk

