

DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

MAY 14, 2013

5:30 P. M.

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Be it remembered that the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Those present were Selectman Rod Bobo, Selectman Homer Cannon, Selectman Charles Collins, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman Jasper Pittman, CAO Randolph W. Jones, and City Clerk Lela Q. Jack.

Absent: Attorney Rod Orlando Richmond.

Mayor H. Scott 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 started old business by calling Mr. Spencer Brooks in the absent of Mrs. Phyllis Benson, Golden Triangle Planning Development District to expound on the Appalachian Regional Commission Application. The City of West Point needs to address an elevated water storage tank to serve Yokohama project.

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

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to approve of the resolution for matching funds.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Selectman Rod Robo 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 the next two agenda items would be 1.a and 1.b that were omitted from the agenda.

Mayor Ross stated that the drainage project for the City would be a matching funded resolution through a CDBG Application to apply for funding by the Golden Triangle Planning Development District.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to approve the resolution for the CDBG application.

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 Robo 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 agenda item 1.b was the public hearing that was held on April 29, by GTPDD for the drainage project and the minutes needed to be approved.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the minutes

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 Robo 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 explained that the City project for the water and sewer system needed to be addressed. Mississippi Development Authority has funds available for Mississippi and the resolution would give Golden Triangle Planning Development District authority on behalf of the City to submit a Mississippi CAP Loan Application for the City of West Point. This project will serve the Yokohama Tire Plant that will be located in West Point. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the authorization of GTPDD to prepare and submit MS CAP Loan Application.

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 Robo 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 called Chief Brinkley to address agenda item 2. D.A.R.E. Chief Brinkley stated that he would have additional information about the House bill Assessment at the next Regular Board Meeting. No action was taken.

Mayor Ross called Dr. Johnnie E. Rasberry to explain the Youth Summer Programs & Literacy Development. Dr. Rasberry requested that the Board support the Youth Summer Programs with a \$2500 dollars donation.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to approve Dr. Rasberry’s request with the recommendation that it is reviewed by City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

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 Robo 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 explained that the consent agenda item 7 was requested by Attorney Chris Pace for the Board to approve of the corrected date on the CAP Loan Public Notice to June 11, 2013. Mayor Ross asked the Board were there any others items to be 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 Rod Bobo made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Item 5, Approval of Aprils Claim Dockets and Financial Reports.

General City:	<u>\$1,396,146.81</u>
West Point Electric:	<u>\$ 290,918.87</u>
West Point Water & Sewer	<u>\$ 273,805.11</u>

Item 6, Approval of April 9, 2013 Minutes.

Item 7, Approval of April 29, 2013 Combined Meeting of City and County Boards.

Item 8, Emergency Declaration.

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

Selectman Rod Robo 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.

Agenda item 9, was voted on agenda item 1 a.

The following budgets were submitted for approval for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mayor Ross started new business with agenda item 10, Public hearing to approve the submitted Fiscal Budgets for 2014. Mayor Ross opened the Public hearing that was published in the DTL to give notice of the budget hearing to concern citizens.

Mayor Ross asked were there questions from the public. Mr. Chad Scott, Dr. John Bennett, and Selectman Charles Collins made comments and asked questions. Mayor Ross asked were there more questions or comments from the public? There was no response. Mayor Ross declared the Public Hearing Closed.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the Final budgets for the General City and the Water & Electric FY 2014.

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 Robo 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 stated that the Brownfield Grants were awarded to the City in the amount of \$400,000. These grants will help promote environmental assessments for projects or concerns of citizens questioning certain properties.

Mayor Ross stated that the Urban Youth Program for 2013 was awarded to the City through the Mississippi Department of Transportation Commission. This grant was approved up to \$35,000. This award would place about 4-6 youths ranging in ages 18-24, in place for summer hire to work in landscaping and the beautification of the City. The youths will work under Public Works Department Head, Mr. Joey Wright. Mayor Ross stated that in order to continue with the award the board would have to authorize the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to authorize the execution of the (MOU).

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.

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 & 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. Selectmen Keith McBrayer, Rod Bobo, Charles Collins and Mr. Dwight Prisock had questions and comments. Item 14, was a request from DTL for the Board to support a congratulatory ad for the sports that are played. The agreement of the Board was to support the request with a ¼ page ad.

Agenda Item 15 Election Procedures for the 2013 Democrat Primary Election 2013.  
Selectman Jasper Pittman questioned the 2013 Democrat Primary Election procedures.  
Selectman Pittman expressed that he was speaking for all the wards.  
Selectman made the motion that independent Attorney Will Colom's Law Firm be retained to review the election procedures.  
The motion received a second from Selectman Homer Cannon.  
Mayor Ross did not recognize the motion. Selectman Pittman restated his motion.  
Selectman Pittman made the motion to retain Colom Law Firm to review the Election procedures followed by the 2013 Democrat Primary, subject to review and approval of the legality of taken such an action by the Attorney General, Secretary of State, and the City's Attorney Rod Orlando Richmond.  
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: "Aye"  
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Nay"  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"  
Motion carried.

Mayor Ross stated that there was a motion needed to see if there a need to go into executive session.  
Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the regular meeting to determine a need for an executive session.  
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.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Homer Cannon.

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.

CAO Randy Jones announced to the public that the Board would remain in executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

Selectman Rod Bobo 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 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 announced to the public that only one action was taken in executive session and that action was to terminate Officer Jeremy Bell.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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