

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013
5:30 P.M.**

This is a regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, held the 9th day of July 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. Robinson, Vice Mayor Keith Brayer, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman William Binder, City Attorney Orlando Richmond, Selectwoman Linda Hannah and Selectman Gary Dedeaux.

Mayor Robinson called meeting to order and asked Selectman Dedeaux to lead the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting.

Selectman McBrayer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion received a second by Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the special called Board of Mayor and Selectmen meeting held July 1, 2013.

Selectman McBrayer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion received a second by Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called upon City of West Point Grant Writer, Melanie Busby, to provide briefing on the selection of an engineering firm for the Brownfield Grant project. She provided that five proposals were presented from different engineering firms for this project, which included PM, PPM, EarthCon, FTN, and Neel Schaffer. Busby stated that out of five engineering firms that submitted proposals, PM received the highest score based on the rubric supplied by MDEQ. Mayor Robinson asked for a motion for the City to select PM as the engineering firm for the project.

Selectwoman Hannah motioned for the city to select PM for the project.

The motion received a second from Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson then called on Police Chief Brinkley to discuss the issue of a potential special assessment fee of up to \$2.00 on each municipal court fine for the funding of the City's D.A.R.E. program.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve a \$2 special assessment on municipal court fines to help fund the City's D.A.R.E. program.

Selectman Clark made a motion for the board to assess the \$2 fee.

The motion received a second from Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Selectman Clark made a suggestion that the Board recognize Mr. Bill East for his efforts and spending a lot of time researching and advocating for the City's D.A.R.E. program.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items listed below:

1. Approval of June 11, 2013 Board Minutes
2. Approval of July 1, 2013 Special Called Board Meetings Minutes
3. Approval of June 2013 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration

Selectwoman Hannah made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

The motion received a second from Selectman McBrayer.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson asked for a motion for the City Clerk to advertise for construction bids for water and sewer expansion for Yokohama plant.

Selectman Dedeaux made a motion for City Clerk to advertise for construction bids for water and sewer expansion for the Yokohama plant.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called on Chief Brinkley to discuss the police department's request to hire a DUI officer and one patrol officer. Selectman McBrayer made a motion to hire William Knowles as a DUI officer pending a second interview.

The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Linda Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Selectman Clark made a motion to hire Scottie Bradley as an entry level patrol officer, pending a second interview.

The motion received a second from Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called for reports from department heads. Those present were CAO Randy Jones, Park & Recreation Director, James Crowley, Police Chief Tim Brinkley, Fire Chief Johnny Littlefield, Public Works Director, Joey Wright, and Water & Light Superintendent, Dwight Prisock.

Mayor Robinson called for questions or comments from Departments Heads and questions or comments from Board of Selectmen for the Department Heads.

Mayor Robinson then called for those previously acknowledged for public appearances. Those appearing were Mr. Chad Scott and Mr. Vaughn Blaylock who discussed the issue of fluoride in the City's drinking water.

After hearing no further comments or questions from the Board or public, Mayor Robinson declared the public appearances closed.

Mayor Robinson requested a motion for City Clerk to advertise for municipal banking services.

Selectman McBrayer made a motion for City Clerk to advertise for municipal banking services.

The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson introduced the topic on health insurance for the city's elected officials. Mayor Robinson called on board members for opinions and suggestions on the topic.

Selectman Clark said if board members desired health insurance each selectman should pay his or her insurance instead of asking taxpayers to pay the insurance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion for city officials to pay for their own health insurance coverage.

Selectman Clark made a motion for city officials to pay for insurance coverage.

The motion received a second from Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted : Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson asked for a motion to support WPFDD Benefit Rodeo for Junior Auxiliary.

Selectwoman Hannah made a motion to support WPFDD benefit rodeo as an advertising of the resources of the City said advertising in the amount of \$250.00.

The motion received a second from Selectman McBrayer.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson asked the board if there was a desire to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session.

Selectman McBrayer motioned to determine the need for executive session.

The motion received a second from Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Selectwoman Hannah motioned to remain in executive session to discuss legal issues relating to current litigation.

The motion received a second from Selectman William Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Selectman Dedeaux asked to be recused because of a potential conflict of interest in one particular legal matter.

Mayor Robinson asked for a motion for board to recuse Selectman Dedeaux.

Selectman Binder made the motion for Selectman Dedeaux to be recused.

The motion received a second from Selectman Clark.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Selectman Gary Dedeaux then left the meeting.

Absent Selectman Dedeaux, City Attorney Richmond first discussed an unresolved litigation issue pertinent to a potential conflict of interest for Selectman Dedeaux. Attorney Richmond and the board concluded all discussion and questions on this specific litigation and Mayor Robinson called for Selectman Dedeaux to return to the remainder of the executive session.

City Attorney Richmond continued his discussion of remaining unresolved litigation issues and recommended the board grant the City Attorney authority to resolve remaining issues in the best interest of the city.

Selectman McBrayer motioned for the board to grant authority to the City Attorney to handle remaining litigation issues in the best interest of the City.

The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Hannah

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

Selectman McBrayer made a motion to come out of executive session.

The motion received a second from Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye


Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson then called for the public to return to the meeting and called for City Attorney Richmond to report the actions taken in executive session. City Attorney Richmond reported to the public the one action taken in executive session to allow him to resolve remaining litigation issues in the best interest of the city. There being no further business to come before the Board of Mayor and Selectmen at this time, Mayor Robinson called for meeting to be adjourned.

Selectwoman Linda Hannah motion for meeting to be adjourned. The motion received a second by Selectman McBrayer.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Motion Carried.



Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor



Deloris A Doss, City Clerk