

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPT  
TUESDAY, February 11, 2014  
5:30 P.M.**

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This is a regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon “Robbie” Robinson, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, and Selectman Keith McBrayer. Those absent were City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order and asked Selectwoman Hannah to open the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt and approve the Agenda as written with any additions or changes.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to adopt and approve the agenda as written.

The motion received a second by Selectman Binder with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Robinson called for any old business.

Mayor Robinson then called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which consisted of the January 14, 2014 board minutes, approval of January 2014 claims dockets and financial reports, and the emergency declaration renewal.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to approve the consent agenda and its contents.

The motion received a second by Selectman McBrayer.

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.

Next item on agenda, Mayor Robinson called for an appointment of School Board Member to the West Point School District. Selectman Binder and Selectman McBrayer recused themselves for the appointment of the School board Member. Selectwoman Hannah moved to re-appoint Mrs. Diane Jack as a School Board Member for the West Point School District. The motion did not receive a second so the motion died. Selectman Dedeaux moved to appoint Mrs. Shay King as a School Board Member to the West Point School District to a 4-year term beginning March 1, 2014.

The motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

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

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

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt a resolution celebrating School Board Member recognition week February 16-22, 2014.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to adopt a resolution celebrating School Board Member recognition week February 16-22, 2014. The motion received a second by 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 stated a certified copy of this resolution will be given to Superintendent McDonald.

Mayor Robinson called on Mrs. Phylis Benson with the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to get approval of invoices relating to the Yokohama project. Mrs. Benson stated the timeline for the monies will be 20 days for receiving monies from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the turnaround time on the CAP Loan is 14 days.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the invoices as presented for the Yokohoma project.

Selectman Binder moved to approve the invoices for the Yokohoma project.

The motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

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.

Next, Mayor Robinson called on Police Chief Brinkley to give a brief on the grants for the MS Department of Highway Safety Grant. Chief Brinkley stated that the cost of the grant was for five camera units for patrol cars at this time. Chief sated the total cost for this grant will be \$23, 705 with a local match of 25% match.

Mayor Robinson calls for a motion to adopt a resolution and agreement authorizing Chief Brinkley to submit the grant to the MS Department of Highway Safety Grant.

Selectman McBrayer move to adopt a resolution and agreement authorizing Chief Brinkley and the West Police Department to apply for this grant.

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.

Next item on the agenda, Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the Initial Public Hearing on the 2013 HOME Grant Application on behalf of the City held on January 21, 2014 with Ms. Dorothy Ryland having conducted the meeting. Selectman Clark moved to accept the minutes as recorded.

The motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

Mayor Robinson stated that there has been much local interest in this grant and that Ms. Ryland has done a great job and her help is much appreciated.

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 Department Head reports.

Grant Writer Melanie Busby gave an update on the grants as a whole and also the Brownfield Grant.

Next department head was Supertiendant Dwight Prisock who discussed the wastewater conversion project at the Old Sara Lee property. Mr. Prisock asked the Board for authorization to advertise for bids on the replacement for 15KV substation vacuum circuit breakers. This project will bring the south substation back on line.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to advertise for bids on the substation breakers.

Selectman McBrayer moved to authorize Mr. Prisock to advertise for bids for the replacement of the substation breakers.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

Mayor Robinson asked for a letter stating the costs of the substation breakers.

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 McBrayer asked Mr. Prisock if he would brief the Board and the audience on the conversion.

Mr. Prisock recommended James Holliday to become a permanent full time employee.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to hire Mr. Holliday in the water department as full time

Selectwoman Hannah moved to hire Mr. Holliday to full-time permanent in the water department based on Mr. Prisock's recommendation.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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.

Next, Police Chief Brinkley came forth with a report on three issues.

The first item was a letter of resignation from Dustin Tutor effective February 24, 2014. Chief also asked for recommendation of the Board to hire 2 police officers one full-time and one part-time. The names recommended were William Cade from Tupelo, MS and Patrick Culley a former police officer of the West Point Police Department.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to hire William Cade as a full-time police officer and Patrick Culley as a part-time police officer.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to hire William Cade as a full-time police officer with the West Point Police department.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

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 motion to hire certified officer Patrick Culley as a part-time police officer with the West Point Police Department.

Selectman Clark moved to hire Patrick Culley as a part-time police officer with the West Point Police Department.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

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.

Police Chief Brinkley stated that the police department is still recruiting for officers and if any good applicants are known please encourage them to apply. Chief Brinkley also asked for the Board to approve the sale of a former police officer's bullet proof vest that left to go to the Macon Police Department for employment. Chief Brinkley stated that the Macon Police Department has requested that they be allowed to purchase the vest. Chief Brinkley recommends that the vest cost is \$600.00 dollars and he recommends that the vest be purchased at half price which will be \$300.00 dollars by interlocal government transfer. Mayor Robinson called for a motion for the Board to allow to the sale of the vest for \$300.00 to the Macon Police Department.

Selectman McBrayer moved to accept the motion to sell the bullet proof vest at half price in the amount of \$300.00.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

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.

Chief Brinkley also talked on the matter of false alarm calls on business and home alarms.

Chief Brinkley asked the Board to authorize him to conduct a more detailed report on how we can respond to this large number of false alarms that have been reported.

Selectman Binder mentioned that the Board had not accepted the letter of resignation from Dustin Tutor.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Dustin Tutor effective February 24, 2014.

Selectman Binder moved to accept letter of resignation from Dustin Tutor effective February 24, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Selectman Dedeaux.

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 thanked all the department heads for the devoted work they do.

Next department head report was given by Fire Chief Jimmy Littlefield.

Chief Littlefield gave a report that his employment with the City of West Point is now 38 years.



Chief Littlefield gave a report on receiving funds from local entities such as Wal-Mart, Fred's etc. to purchase around 250 smoke detectors. Chief Littlefield stated that the fire department would love for any citizen to come by and get one if needed. Chief Littlefield stated that if there were any elderly and disabled people that needed assistant they would be glad to install them or show them where they can be installed.

Chief Littlefield stated that any information that is needed concerning the fire department can be received by calling the fire department or by coming by the fire department on Brame Avenue.

Chief Littlefield informed the Board of a grant received to install a new emergency operation's center in the Brame Avenue Station. Three new laptop computers are installed along with nine new computers.

Public Works Director Joey Wright came next to inform the Board on storm drainage and clean up on ditches on Smith Street and Calhoun and go forward with other street clean up. Mr. Wright gave an update on other things that were taking place in the department such as street department, sanitation, and cemetery.

Selectwoman Hannah asked Mr. Wright about drainage on College Street.

Selman Binder commended Mr. Wright and Mr. Ivy on job well done on North Division.

Next Mayor Robinson called on Building Inspector Mr. Roy Shannon.

Mr. Shannon updated the building department has issued 3(three) permits for demolition and 21(twenty-one) permits for various types of new construction with the City.

Mr. Shannon stated there was one major project apartment the Windale Apartments. Mr. Shannon said that the owners were pleasurable in working with, and cooperative

Mayor Robinson called on Recreation director James Crowley to give update on his department.

Mr. Crowley stated the recreation department has been awarded 8 (eight) tournaments to be held here at the Sportplex on weekends. Mr. Crowley stated that information will be in the newspaper on these tournaments asking for volunteers such as parents and organization to do various job and duties in professional ways. Mr. Crowley said there will be a meeting Monday, February 17, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the recreation building. Lastly, Mr. Crowley informed everyone on the basketball games being held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Central School gym. Mr. Crowley stated that he would leave information on the various events that are coming up for anyone to pick up afterwards.

Selectwoman Hannah informed Mr. Crowley on the Dizzy Dean tournaments. Mr. Crowley briefed the Board and audience on the Dizzy Dean tournaments coming up July 11-15, 2014 with 25 to 30 teams. Mr. Crowley said that all signups for baseball will be held at City Hall from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 pm. The Board congratulated Mr. Crowley on a great job with the Recreation department.

Next was Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts. Mr. Klutts informed the Board and audience on eight blighted properties that he is working on currently. Selectman Dedeaux asked Mr. Klutts to inform everyone on what the City is doing based on blighted properties. Mr. Klutts stated that basically the City is trying to clean up any and all properties that are a nuisance and in unsafe condition.

Mayor Robinson stated that the law states that we have to give property owners a 2 week notice by letter presented through the City and Code Enforcer along with posting a sign in the yard with the hearing date giving the owner proper notice. The Board will have hearing giving property owners opportunity to respond. The Board will make determination after the two weeks' notice. Mayor Robinson stated if property is heir property all heirs should be given notice. Mayor Robinson stated

if the City tears the property down and cleans it up; the cost will be assessed to that lot to the property owner. Mayor Robinson stated if that is not paid then it will be entered as a judgment in the Circuit Clerk's office. If that's not satisfied then it will go to the tax sale for an assessment against that property and the City could end up with that piece of property. Mayor Robinson stated that the ultimate goal is not the City to own the property but to clean up neighborhoods where people try to keep their property up. Selectman Clark stated that if anyone in attendance knows of a piece of property near them to notify Mr. Klutts.

Mr. Klutts noted that he has addressed issues on vehicle complaints. Mr. Klutts said that in the future he would be enforcing trash issues also.

Mayor Robinson called on CAO Randy Jones to report from the Administration side.

Mr. Jones informed the Board and public on aviation fuels and projects at the airport. Mr. Jones talked about the IT equipment that we have that the public will have access to also.

Selectwoman Hannah wanted an update from Mr. Jones on the train and railroad crossing where repairs are being done.

Mayor Robinson called on Mr. R. H. Brown for a public appearance on capital improvement and expansion project.

Mayor Robinson asked if there was a need for executive session.

Board respond there was no need for executive session.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion for meeting adjourned.

Selectman McBrayer moved to adjourn meeting.

The motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

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.



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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Deloris A. Doss', written over a horizontal line.

Deloris A Doss, City Clerk