

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

This is a regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, held the 11th day of March 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, Selectman Keith McBrayer and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda. Selectman Clark moved to adopt and approve the agenda as presented.

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

Mayor Robinson called for any old business. There was no old business to discuss.

Mayor Robinson then called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which consisted of the February 11, 2014 board minutes, approval of February 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 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 item on agenda, Mayor Robinson called on Mrs. Phyllis Benson with the Golden Triangle Planning and Development for the approval of the invoices for the Yokohama project. Mrs. Benson presented the Board with three invoices for the Elevated Water Tank from 4-D Construction in the amount of \$79,613.98, Landmark Construction in the amount of \$185,250.00 and Calvert-Spradling Engineers in the amount of \$11,103.48. All three invoices will be split between ARC and the bond money from the Clay County. Ms. Benson presented the Board with two invoices for the Water/Waste Water Extension improvement from KAJACS in the amount of \$368,678.92 and Calvert-Spradling in the amount of \$21,962.00. Calvert-Spradling has reviewed and approved these invoices for payment of work performance. Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve, and for payment to the invoices of 4-D Construction, Landmark and Calvert-Spradling for the Elevated Water Tank and KAJACS and Calvert-Spradling for the Water/Waste Water Extension.

Selectman McBrayer moved to approve the invoices for payment.

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 on Mr. Stanley Spradling from Calvert Spradling to present the Board with a draft of the Pretreatment Permit for the Wastewater Conversion. Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the recommendation

of Calvert-Spradling Engineers and the recommended draft of the Pretreatment Permit for the Wastewater Conversion.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to accept the draft of Pretreatment Permit for the Wastewater Conversion.

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 called on Melanie Busby to present the Board with a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Counseling for two grant applications. Melanie Busby introduced Stephanie Taylor / Clay County Administrator for Community Counseling along with Laura Latham to give a description of the grants. Ms. Busby stated that the first grant will require no match and the second grant will be 1 to 3 three match with Community Counseling providing the match. Ms. Taylor presented the Board with the Mental Health Mental Retardation grant which is a one year planning grant targeting kids ages 12-21 who have a mental illness/severe emotional disturbance. Ms. Laurie Latham presented the Board with the Second Chance grant to assist people being released from prison for crimes involving alcohol and drug addiction and co-occurring mental disorders.

Mayor Robinson pointed out to the Board that this will not cost the City anything. Mayor Robinson called for a motion to authorize the Mayor to approve and execute the Memorandum of Agreement from Community Counseling.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Community Counseling.

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.

Ms. Busby gave an update on the Brownfield Grant stating that the site of the Old Big Yank Building has been approved. Ms. Busby also stated that there are other properties such as West Side School, North Side School, Sara Lee, Mary Holmes, and Big Yank.

Next, Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the annual review and update of West Point/Clay County Comprehensive Management Plan with the West Point Fire Department.

Selectman McBrayer moved to approve the annual review and update of the Comprehensive Management Plan with the Fire Department.

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.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to accept the proposal from the Swift Center for climate control storage of records. The regular rate for size 9x12 storage is \$83.33 per month or \$1,000.00 yearly per space.

Selectman Binder moved to accept the proposal from the Swift Center.

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.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to authorize a lease for 16 acres adjoining the Jesse Harmon Sportsplex. Said land not being used by the city. Said lease fee to be arrived at by an independent appraiser. The cost of the appraisal to be shared 50/50 by the city and lessee.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to authorize leasing the land adjacent to Jesse Harmon Complex to Mr. & Mrs. Roger Rhea for the condition as set out above.

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 called on Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts to give an update on blighted properties.

Mr. Klutts gave an update on blighted properties belonging to Pam Patterson at 1081 West Loop Drive and Ross Weaver Estate at 603 Meadowbrook Circle.

Mayor Robinson called for Department Head reports.

Mr. Dwight Prisock gave update on Wastewater pump station. A slideshow was presented on the Wastewater pump station.

Next, Mayor Robinson called on Building Inspector Roy Shannon with update on building department. Mr. Shannon stated that there were a total of 25 permits issued for the month of February with a total amount of \$296,000 worth of new construction in the City. The fees collected for the month was \$1784.50 with 81 inspections. Mr. James Crowley Director of Parks and Recreation informed the Board that the recreation department was busy with baseball, softball, and t-ball sign up with the deadline coming up soon. Mr. Crowley said there were over 325 youth playing. Public Works Director Joey Wright gave an update on garbage pickup, streets, and storm drainages. Mr. Wright also addressed the Board with the need for a new garbage truck. Fire Chief Johnny Littlefield had nothing to report. Next, Police Chief Tim Brinkley came forth with five names of applicants for hire. Chief Brinkley stated that if he could not hire all five applicants he would at least like to have four of the applicants. Police Chief stated the need for police cars also. Chief Brinkley said that he would like to ask for approval to purchase 3 police cruisers and 2 unmark vehicles for CID. Chief Brinkley stated that if he received approval to order police cars that the delivery time will be about 3 months on state contract price. Chief Brinkley stated that he wanted to bring on more auxiliary officers in the near future. Police Chief Brinkley gave an update on the problem with false alarms.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to hire the four police officers requested by Chief Brinkley. Police Chief Brinkley stated the applicants were McCarty Anderson, Larry Boeke, Tyrone Haslett, and Eric Johnson.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to hire McCarty Anderson, Larry Boeke, Tyrone Haslett, and Eric Johnson as new police officers with the West Point Police Department upon recommendation by Police Chief Brinkley.

Selectman McBrayer moved to hire all four applicants with the West Point Police Department.

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.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to purchase the police cruisers for the West Point Police Department.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to purchase 5 new police cruisers for the West Point Police Department.

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 on CAO Randy Jones for an administrative report.

Mayor Robinson commended all the department head for job well done.

Next Mayor Robinson called for public appearances. Ms. Perneatha Evans came forth to receive a proclamation from Mayor Robinson on declaring March as

American Red Cross month. Mr. McKinley Whitley presented the Mayor and Board with information on public transportation. Dr. Keith T. Mead presented the Mayor and Board with information on the myths of water fluoridation.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adopt April as National Service month for volunteer services rendered throughout the City.

Selectman McBrayer moved to recognize April as National Service month for volunteer service throughout the City.

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 asked the Board if there was a need to go into executive session.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to go into closed session to determine the need and necessity for executive session.

The motion received 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.

Selectman Clark moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

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.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to come out of executive session

Selectwoman Hannah seconds 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 a motion to vote on the termination of Torrance Gill based on documentation from Public Works Director Joey Wright.

Selectman Clark moved to terminate Torrance Gill based on from the evidence before the Board.

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 called for a motion to recess until March 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Selectman McBrayer moved to recess until March 28th at 5:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Robinson, Mayor

Deloris A Doss, City Clerk