

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, August 12, 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 12th day of August 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, and Selectwoman Linda Hannah, via teleconference. Those absent were City Attorney Orlando Richmond, Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order with an invocation by Selectman Binder, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no old business.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of July 8, 2014 Board Minutes, July 2014 Claim Docket and Financial Reports and the Emergency Declaration Renewal. Also on the consent agenda was the approval of travel for Bob Moore to Jackson, MS, Monica Lairy to Jackson, MS, Curt Ward and Daryl Thomas to Scottsboro, AL and Dwight Prisock to Nashville, TN.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to approve the consent agenda with the items presented.

Motion received a second by Selectwoman Hannah via teleconference.

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

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

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called for new business.

Mayor Robinson called upon the Board to approve and accept payments for the Yokohama project. Ms. Phylis Benson presented the Board with the following invoices from 4-D Construction \$16, 073.74, Landmark \$249,408.25 and Calvert-Spradling Engineers in the amount of \$12,337.20.

Selectman Binder moved to approve and accept all invoices presented.

Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called upon the Board to approve invoice and payment to GTPDD for HOME Grant program presented by Ms. Phylis Benson in the amount of \$5,000.00 for administrative fees.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to approve invoice and payment to GTPDD for HOME Grant program in the amount of \$5,000.00

Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called on CAO Randy Jones for an update on the Brownfield Grant form PM Environmental.

No action was taken.

Mayor Robinson called upon the Board for a motion to recognize and appoint Mrs. Kerrie Blissard as the EMA Director for Clay County and City of West Point.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to appoint Mrs. Kerrie Blissard as the EMA Director for Clay County and City of West Point.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Next, Mayor Robinson called upon the Board for a motion to purchase a ¼ page ad from DTL to publish Prairie Arts Festival Edition in the amount of \$75.00.

Selectman Clark moved to purchase the ad in the amount of \$75.00 for the Prairie Arts Festival.

Motion received a second by Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called upon the Board for a motion to purchase a ¼ page ad from DTL in the amount of \$180.00 for the High School Football Special Edition.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to purchase the ad in the amount of \$180.00 for the High School Football Edition.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

Mayor Robinson called upon Code Enforcer Mr. Jeremy Klutts to present the Board with an update on Blighted properties. Mr. Klutts presented the Board with information on the Adam/Lux property located on 4th Street. All notices were sent out in reference to this property. There was no one present to speak on this property. The next property was Sadie Heard of 712 Little Street with an adjoining lot. Mayor Robinson said that the City will continue to proceed under MS Code 21-19-20. There were no known heirs located for this property. Next property of interest was located at 417 Mayhew Street. Proper notifications were sent out according to MS Code 21-19-20. Mr. Klutts stated that the property on 1729 Bayless Drive was in the process of foreclosure so nothing could be done at this time.

Mayor Robinson called upon the Board to move upon a special hearing for determination of cleaning properties and the proceeds under MS Code Section 1-19-11.

Selectman Clark moved for a special hearing for determination of cleaning properties and the proceeds under Code Section 1-19-11.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

In the matter of assessing the costs of clean up for the property of John Fortson, Estate; Parcel No. 083B411C. 0200000.

It appears to this Board that a hearing was held May 13, 2014 according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 and this board of Mayor and Selectman adjudicated the property of John Fortson to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the Community.

It now appears that the City on July 3, 2014 proceeded to clean said property and demolish an old house on said property. The cost of said work was \$1810.00 after motion by Selectwoman Hannah and second by Selectman Clark.

The Mayor called for a vote to assess \$1810.00 against the property of John Fortson Estate Parcel No. 083B411C 0200000 and have the tax collector of the City of West Point Mississippi proceed to sell the land as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

In the matter of assessing the costs of clean up for the property of Ross Weaver Estate; Parcel No. 08C414D 0200000.

It appears to this Board that a hearing was held May 13, 2014 according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 and this board of Mayor and Selectman adjudicated the property of John Fortson to be a menace to the public health, safety and welfare of the Community.

It now appears that the City on July 3, 2014 proceeded to clean said property and demolish an old house on said property. The cost of said work was \$3255.00 after motion by Selectman Dedeaux and second by Selectman Binder.

The Mayor called for a vote to assess \$3255.00 against the property of Ross Weaver Estate Parcel No. 083C414D 0200000 and have the tax collector of the City of West Point Mississippi proceed to sell the land as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes.

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

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

Motion Carried

Next, Mayor Robinson called upon the Board to accept the Resolution of the Board of Trustees West Point School District 2014-2015 Ad Valorem Tax Request Worksheet. The Board of trustees presented the NET AD VALOREM TAX REQUEST FOR OPERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,826.00 and the AD VALOREM TAX REQUESTED FOR DEBT SERVICE at Three Mill in the amount of \$322,889.

Selectman Clark moved to accept the resolution as presented.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called on Board for a motion to accept and review the FYE 06/30/2013 General City Audit.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to accept and review the FYE 06/30/2013 General City Audit.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called for public appearances. Mrs. Fannie Malone came forth requesting the Board to assist her in finding a building and making it available for the youth in the City.

Selectman Clark stated that he had spoken with Mrs. Malone and that he will be getting with Mr. James Crowley on this.

Mayor Robinson called for department head reports. Those present were Electric Superintendent Dwight Prisock, Interim Fire Chief Randy Jones, EMA Director Kerrie Blissard, Police Chief Brinkley, Public Works Director Joey Wright, Recreation Director James Crowley, and building Inspector Roy Shannon. Mr. Prisock gave an update on Yokohama Tower, the lift station, Main Street sewer repair, the McClure Building and the sewer for Captain D's. Mr. Jones gave report on excellent response to a fire on Wood Avenue. Mr. Jones also stated that there were great improvements in the department. Mr. Jones congratulated Mrs. Blissard as being named the EMA Director for Clay County and City of West Point.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to accept the EMA Performance Grant in the amount of \$25,674.00 with quarterly payments

Selectman Binder moved to accept the EMA Performance Grant.

Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

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

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

Motion Carried

Mrs. Blissard gave the Board an update on EMA. Mrs. Blissard stated that there was need to update the batteries on the sirens in the amount of \$1,150. Mrs. Blissard stated that the County will pay half of this cost. Mrs. Blissard gave an update on the response to a Haz-Mat Incident on Hazelwood Road. There were no injuries from this incident. Mrs. Blissard gave update on Weather Alert System and the Committee Mass Communication System. Next, Police Chief

Brinkley informed the Mayor and Board that the new police cars were in. Chief Brinkley expressed to the Mayor and Board and Citizens of the danger of BB guns that has been confiscated by the Police Department. Chief Brinkley briefed the Board on the new Animal Control Officer. Chief Brinkley talked about the Special Events Permit. Public Works Director gave an update on the completion on the sidewalk for Safe route to School, damage on the Train Depot, Urban Youth planting grass, the project on Progress Street, Zuber Park bathrooms and swing sets and the fence at Zuber Parks. Mr. Crowley gave an update on Church league softball, Co-Ed, Open League and Dizzy Dean Tournament. Building Department reported 19 permits issued and 66 inspections for the month of July with a total collection of \$3321.00.

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

There was no need for executive session.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to recess meeting until next special meeting to be held this month.

Selectman Clark moved to recess and Selectman Binder Seconded.

Meeting recessed.

Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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Deloris A Doss, City Clerk