

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, September 9 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 9th day of September 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Vice - Mayor Keith McBrayer, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, and Selectwoman Linda Hannah, via teleconference. Those absent were Mayor Harmon "Robbie" Robinson" and City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called the meeting to order with an invocation by Selectman Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by CAO Randy Jones.

There was no old business.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for a motion to approve the consent agenda which consisted of August 12, 2014 Board Minutes, August 2014 Claim Docket and Financial Reports and the Emergency Declaration Renewal. Selectman Dedeaux moved to approve the consent agenda with the items presented. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for new business.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to approve and accept payments for the Yokohama project. Mr. Spencer Brooks from the GTPDD presented the Board with the following invoices from Landmark \$180,457.25 and Calvert-Spradling Engineers in the amount of \$7,402.32.

Selectman Binder moved to approve and accept all invoices presented. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to accept the resolution authorizing the GTPDD, Inc. to Prepare and Submit a grant to the Mississippi Dept. of Archives & History to renovate City Hall exterior. Selectwoman Hannah moved to accept the resolution authorizing the GTPDD, Inc. to Prepare and Submit a grant for the renovation of City Hall exterior.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to accept a resolution authorizing the City of West Point to Commit Funds to a Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History, Mississippi Community Heritage Preservations Grant Project with a 20% match for the City of West Point.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to accept the resolution authorizing the City of West Point to Commit Funds to the Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Next, Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to accept and approve Mayor Signatures on the Environmental Review Records for the HOME Project.

Selectman Clark moved to accept and approve Mayor Signatures for the Environmental review Records for the HOME Project. Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to advertise for professional services for the HOME Grant program.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to request permission to advertise for professional services for the HOME Grant program. Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on CAO Randy Jones to give update on the Brownfield Grant from PM Environmental and Engineering Services. No action was taken.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon Mrs. Melanie Busby to present the Board with information on the West Side School Property and the Brownfield Grant.

Mrs. Busby informed the Board that the West Point School District has agreed to sell the West Side School Property in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to the City of West Point.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board for a motion to accept the sale of the West Side School Property in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

Selectman Binder moved to accept the sale of the property of West Side School in the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon Code Enforcer Mr. Jeremy Klutts to present the Board with an update on Blighted properties. Vice Mayor McBrayer called on Board for public hearing on the properties presented. Mr. Klutts presented the Board with information on the property located at 417 Mayhew Street. Proper notifications were sent out according to MS Code 21-19-20. There was no one was present to speak on behalf of the property.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called upon the Board to declare these properties public nuisance according to the Code.

Selectman Clark moved to declare these properties public nuisance according to the Code.

Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mr. Klutts asked also for permission from the Board to pursue the same on the lot next to this one on Mayhew Street which is related to this property also. No parties were present on this piece of property also.

Selectman Binder moved to proceed also on the piece of property with same procedures as related to the first one. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mr. Klutts informed the Board that the property on 561 Illinois Street is being worked on also.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for department head reports. Those present were Electric Supertientend Dwight Prisock, Interim Fire Chief Randy Jones, EMA Director Kerrie Blissard, Battalion Chief Ken Wilbourne, 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 pump station, Main Street sewer repair, the McClure Building

and Grove Street and Travis Street line clearing for power. Battalion Chief Ken Wilbourne gave a report on the Fire Department. EMA Director Kerrie Blissard gave an update on shelters that will be placed behind City Hall, Amubus Kit, Code Red with City of West Point and Clay County, MS, Haz-Mat training other various items pertaining to EMA. Next, Police Chief Brinkley informed the Vice Mayor and Board that the City of West Point had been awarded an Occupant Protection Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00. Chief Brinkley stated that the new police cars were ready for the road and the Police Department will have two (2) cross over vehicles. . Public Works Director Joey Wright reported that Prairie Arts Festival was over and it was a great success. Mr. Wright informed the Board that the department will go back to normal work duties. Mr. Wright gave an update on the work being done at the Airport. Report was given by Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts on behalf of the Building Department. Mr. Klutts stated that there were a total of 27 permits issued for the month of August and 92 Inspections with a total collection of \$6,029.50. Mr. Crowley gave an update on the goal post that will be going up at Half Mile. Mr. Crowley updated the Board on the fencing being put up on College Street, Soccer, Community Fun Day to be held on September 20th, donation of the Flag Poles for the Sportplex, Baseball tournaments starting the 1st week of October 4th and other various activities. CAO Randy thanked the Water Department for the work being done on Main Street. Mr. Jones stated that there will be a drive around tour for the Fire Department of the Yokohama Plant that will be the 17th, 18th, and 19th starting at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Jones stated that if any Selectman that wanted to go to just let him know and he will make arrangements for them to go together. Mr. Jones informed the Board of the Golf Tournament that will be held out at Old Waverly. Report was given on fuel sale at the airport. Mr. Jones informed the Board on the Buildings that have been insured and that eight (8) of the City's prominent buildings will be complete by MS. Rating Bureau in the amount of \$360.00 total.

Mr. Jones gave update on the hot mix that has been completed the railroad crossing by Wal-Mart.

Vice Mayor McBrayer mentioned about the name change on the Lagoon Road sign.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board to approve the two (2) unmarked police vehicles with VIN #'s 1FM5K8AR0FGA57791 2014 Ford SUV and 1FM548AR0FFA57792 2014 Ford SUV.

Selectman Clark moved to approve the two (2) unmarked police vehicles with the VIN #'s presented. Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board to declare surplus real property.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for a motion to table this item until all information is gathered and presented to the Board.

Selectman Binder moved to table this item until all information is gathered and presented to the Board. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Next, Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the board to approval of travel for EMA Director Kerrie Blissard to attend Incident Management Class November 7-11 and EMA Mid-Winter Conference on November 11-13 in Philadelphia, MS.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to approve travel for EMA Director Kerrie Blissard on November 7 - 11 and November 11- 13 in Philadelphia MS. Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board for the approval of travel for Alex Jackson and William Knowles to attend Safety Training and Recognition Symposium (STARS) Conference in Olive Branch September 22-25, 2014.

Selectman Binder moved to approve travel for Alex Jackson and William Knowles in Olive, branch September 22025, 2014. Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board to purchase a full page ad in the amount of \$75.00 from the Clay County Branch of the NAACP. Mr. Robert Smith was present to present the Board with information stating that the ad will be for a Life Members Banquet to be held on the 26th of October. Selectman Dedeaux moved to purchase a full page ad in the amount of \$75.00 from the Clay County NAACP. Motion was second by Selectman Clark.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor McBrayer called for 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board to approve FY 2014 Budget for the Water & Electric Department. Vice Mayor McBrayer stated that the approval of the FY 2014 Budget for the Water & Electric Department will be tabled until further notice.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board to purchase an ad from DTL on Cartoon Map of West Point, MS. Vice Mayor McBrayer stated that purchase of ad from DTL on Cartoon Map of West Point, Ms will be tabled until further notice.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board for a need for executive session.

Selectman Clark moved that there was a need for executive session to discuss personnel matters according to Ms Code 25-41-7(4a). Motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for a motion to determine a need to go into executive session.

Selectman Clark moved to determine a need for executive session.

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

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on the Board for a motion to terminate Mr. Dwight Prisock Superintendent of the Water/Light Department effective immediately for the violation of state law and City procedures.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to terminate Mr. Dwight Prisock Superintendent of the Water/Light Department effective immediately for the violation of state law and City procedures.

Motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

Vice Mayor McBrayer did roll call vote and the results were as followed

- Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
- Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
- Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye via teleconference
- Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Unanimously vote

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for motion to come out of executive session.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to come out of executive session.

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

Vice Mayor McBrayer called on City Attorney to present the public with personnel matter. City Attorney Orlando Richmond stated that the Board voted to terminate Mr. Dwight Prisock Superintendent of the Water/Light Department effective immediately.

Vice Mayor McBrayer called for a motion to stand in recess. Selectwoman Hannah moved to stand in recess and Selectman Binder Seconded.

Meeting recessed.

Keith McBrayer, Vice Mayor

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Deloris A Doss, City Clerk