

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
FEBRUARY 10, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 10th day of February 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. Robinson, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and City Clerk Deloris Doss.

Absent: Attorney Orlando Rod Richmond.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order and called on Selectman William Binder to offer invocation and Mayor Robinson led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Robinson called for a moment of silence in remembering the passing of Mississippi Congressman Alan Nunnelee and former City employee Junior Cunningham.

Mayor Robinson called for the approval of the consent agenda being the January 13, 2015 Board Minutes, the January 2015 financial reports, and the Emergency Declaration Renewal. Mr. McBrayer made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Dedeaux.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

The mayor next called for a hearing on an appeal by Mr. Wallace Walker regarding a denial by the Planning Commission to replace a mobile home at 1231 Section Circle Road, West Point, Mississippi.

After hearing the testimony of Mr. Walker and considering the report and decision of the Planning commission the Board moved to take a vote to affirm the decision of the Planning Commission and deny Mr. Walker's appeal. The motion was made by Mr. Binder and seconded by Mr. McBrayer. The vote was recorded, to wit:

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

Mr. Robinson next called up the matter of contracting for phone service with C Spire for the City. Ms. Hannah made the motion to proceed after the contract has been approved by Mr. Richmond, City Board Attorney. Upon Mr. Richmond's approval Selectman Dedeaux is to work with the Mayor and Randy Jones, CAO to provide input from the Board. Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Having no further discussion regarding this matter the Mayor called for a vote. The results of the vote are as follows:

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

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting a resolution commending the school board members of the West Point School District acknowledging School Board Member Recognition Week, February 15-21, 2015.

Mr. McBrayer moved to adopt the resolution commending the School Board Members of the West Point School District. The Resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

Ms. Hannah seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

The Mayor next called up the matter of a donation of a replica of the Statue of Liberty to be placed in the Kitty Dill Walkway. Said statue is being donated by the West Point Community Foundation, and installation will be paid for by the West Point Community Foundation. Mr. Clark moved to accept the Statue of Liberty replica and have it installed at the Church Hill Street entrance to the Kitty Dill Walkway. The motion received a second by Ms. Hannah.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Daniel McBrayer and Chris Kilgore. Said travel to be February 23 – 27, 2015 in Pearl, MS for the Water Supply Operations Short Course test.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize said travel and Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Ken Wilbourne, Allen Flynt, and Heath Donahoo. Said travel to be February 25, 2015 in Marshall County, Mississippi to attend a seminar regarding grain entrapment rescue.

Mr. Binder moved to authorize said travel and Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Roy Shannon and Jeremy Klutts. Said travel to be February 23 – 27, 2015 in Jackson, MS to attend floodplain training.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize said travel and Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Fred Ivy. Said travel to be February 25 – 26, 2015 in Jackson, MS to attend Class I Rubbish Landfill education classes.

Ms. Hannah moved to authorize said travel and Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of authorizing the purchase and installation of a bronze plaque detailing the life of Dr. Thomas Zuber to be placed in Zuber Park. The Zuber family has asked to participate in the cost of the plaque and to have the mounting and frame constructed by a family member.

Mr. McBrayer moved to have the plaque honoring Dr. Thomas Zuber installed in Zuber Park. Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of leasing surplus agricultural land, sixteen acres more or less, adjoining the Jessie Harmon Sports Complex.

Mr. Clark moved that the City advertise to receive sealed bids by the next Board meeting in March of 2015. Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of a drug policy for the City of West Point, Mississippi. He pointed out the City currently has an existing drug policy adopted November 23, 1993 and effective January 1, 1994. The Board's attorney, Mr. Richmond, has advised that the current drug policy is sufficient and can be administered if all employees are furnished a copy of said drug policy and if an independent and neutral selector is chosen to implement the random selection portion of the drug policy. Mayor Robinson pointed out no action is required by the Board.

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of declaring the equipment at the City's south electric substation as surplus, except for the transformer. It appears to this Board that the City has no need for the equipment and it can be sold as prescribed by statute.

Mr. Dedeaux moved that all equipment and fixtures, except for the transformer, be sold for surplus to the best bidder according to Section 17-25-25(2) of Mississippi State Code 1972. Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

The Mayor called up the matter of authorizing the use of the Jessie Harmon Sportsplex for weekend baseball by the Southern Sports League for Saturday baseball. Jamie Ballard presented to the Board the proposal stating that all games will be played on Saturdays and will not interfere with any activity of the Recreation Department and will not require any City employees be called out for the weekend.

Mr. McBrayer moved to allow the use of the fields for Saturday baseball by the Southern Sports League to be coordinated with the Recreation Department. Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Mayor Robinson next called up the matter of hiring an Operations Director for the Water and Electric Department. The Mayor said that it would be beneficial to hire from within if possible and that he had studied the possible candidates along with Interim Director George Hinnant and one individual surfaced as the best possible candidate, Marion Marsac of the Water and Sewer Department. The Mayor asked the Board to appoint Mr. Marsac as the Operations Manager of the Water and Electric Department.

Mr. McBrayer made the motion to appoint Marion Marsac as Operations Manager of the Water and Electric Department. Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

Mayor Robinson called for a vote and the results were as follows:

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

Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Deloris A. Doss, City Clerk