

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 14th day of July 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. Robinson presiding, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, CAO Randy Jones, City Clerk Deloris Doss, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order followed by invocation given by Selectman Dedeaux, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called on the Board to approve the consent agenda which consisted of June 9, 2015 Board Minutes, June 29, 2015 Special Called meeting, June 2015 Claims Docket, June 2015 financial reports, and the Emergency Declaration Renewal.

Mr. McBrayer made the motion which was second by Selectwoman Hannah.

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of spreading on this Board's Minutes the audits for the West Point General Fund, West Point Electric Department, and West Point Water and Sewer Department for FY ending June 30, 2014. Said audits shall also be on file at the Bryan Public Library.

Mr. McBrayer made the motion to accept the audits for FY June 30, 2104, to have copies filed at the Bryan Public Library, and to have the Clerk advertise for the public to be informed as to the availability of said audits. Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the question passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of accepting bids for twenty one (21) security cameras for various City departments. It appears that two (2) written quotes were received. One was from Delta Telephone for \$12,009.35 as **Exhibit A** and the second was from CDW-G Company for \$21,480.03 attached as **Exhibit B**.

Mr. Clark made the motion to accept the bid of Delta Telephone for \$12,009.35. Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of spreading on the Minutes the letter of approval for EMPG funds in the amount of \$25,674.00 to support the local EMA. Said funds will be received from MEMA for the fiscal year 2015.

Ms. Hannah made the motion to accept the EMPG funding and to spread on the minutes the letter of the grant award, marked as **Exhibit C**.

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Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The next matter called by the Mayor was to authorize travel for Fireman Allen Flynt to attend Fire Service Instructor 1041 Class at Jackson, MS on July 27, 2015.

Mr. Clark made the motion to authorize said travel and the motion was seconded by Mr. Binder.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing the EMA Director, Kerrie Blissard, to apply for certain funding from Homeland Security for the City and County. See Attachment **Exhibit D** for the list of funding requests for said grant.

Mr. Binder made the motion to move forward with applying for the Homeland Security Grant.

Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of allowing Douglas E. Jennings, a retired municipal law enforcement officer of the City of West Point, Mississippi, to purchase his sidearm.

Mr. Clark made the motion to authorize Mr. Jennings to purchase his sidearm as authorized within Section 45-9-131 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 at an amount of \$1.00.

Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of spreading on this Board's minutes the completed Municipal Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

Mr. Dedeaux made the motion to spread the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire on the minutes. Said document marked as **Exhibit E**.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McBrayer.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of striking a sale of property, Parcel 082A410B-0010600 sold as a homestead chargeback for 2011 homestead in the name of Rachel Strong. Said sale took place at the April 2013 City Tax Sale and sold to Sinecure Investments for \$129.00.

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It appears the parcel in reference was foreclosed on September 9, 2011 and subsequently sold to Annie Ford on July 9, 2012. The 2011 Homestead Chargeback was filed with the City in June of 2012 after the said property was foreclosed on and title divested from Rachel Strong.

It appears that Section 27-33-37(1)(11) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 states the Homestead Chargeback follows the homestead applicant which, in this case, is Rachel Strong. Therefore, the 2013 tax sale to Sinecure Investments should be struck by this Board as an erroneous sale and Sinecure Investments be refunded \$129.00 which was the purchase price paid to the City at the April 2013 Tax Sale.

Mr. Binder moved that the April 2013 Tax Sale of Parcel 082A410B-0010600 for Rachel Strong's 2011 Homestead Chargeback be struck as an erroneous sale and Sinecure Investments be refunded \$129.00, the tax sale amount.

Mr. Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Board next considered the recommendation of Joey Wright, Public Works Director, to change two part-time employees to full-time status. Mr. Wright recommended Bruce Barclay and Tommie Jackson be made full time employees with all the benefits of full-time employment.

Ms. Hannah moved to make Bruce Barclay and Tommie Jackson full-time employees of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Board next considered the recommendation of James Crowley, Recreation Department Director, to hire Antonio Brown as a full-time employee.

Mr. Binder moved to hire Antonio Brown as a full-time employee of the Recreation Department.

Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called for an Executive Session determination.

Mr. Clark moved that the Board go into Closed Session to determine the necessity of an Executive Session.

Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was unanimous to go into Closed Session.

During the Closed Session the Board discussed the nature of the matter requiring an Executive Session and determined that a personnel matter under Section 25-41-(4)(a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 made it necessary to move into Executive Session.

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Mr. Clark moved to go into Executive Session.

Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

Mr. McBrayer moved to return to Open Session and Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was unanimous to move into Open Session.

The Mayor called for action on the matter discussed in Executive Session and Mr. Clark moved that the City advertise to fill the position of Warehouse Manager.

Ms. Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the measure passed unanimously.

The Mayor next called up the matter of engaging an interim City Prosecuting Attorney to fill the position while the current City Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Paytreen Davidson, is away on maternity leave.

Mr. Clark moved that Michelle Easterling fill the position during the period of Ms. Davidson's absence.

Mr. Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and it was unanimous.

Mr. McBrayer then made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Deloris A Doss, City Clerk