

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 13th day of October, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. "Robbie" Robinson, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectman William Binder, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, CAO Randy Jones, City Clerk Deloris Doss, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Absent was Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order followed by invocation given by City Attorney Orland Richmond and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called on the Board to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the September 8, 2015 Board Minutes, the September 22, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, the September 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, the September 2015 Claims Docket, the September 2015 financial reports, and the Emergency Declaration Renewal.

Mayor Robinson called for one item to be added to the agenda; that being to declare street signs surplus.

Selectman Clark made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as outlined above with the one item added.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing the Mayor to sign necessary documents on Marshall Park Grant. The Grant amount is in the amount of \$184,000.00 with \$92,000.00 being local match and \$46,000.00 in-kind.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize Mayor Robinson to sign necessary documents on Marshall Park Grant.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to execute a contract with Calvert-Spradling for engineering services for Marshall Park Grant.

Selectman Clark made the motion to execute the contract with Calvert-Spradling for engineering services for Marshall Park Grant.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of renewal of contract to September 30, 2016 with Community Counseling for System of Care Grant.

Selectman Binder made the motion of renewal of contract to September 30, 2106 with Community Counseling for System of Care Grant.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing advertisement for bids for renovations to City Hall per Architect Roger Pryor. Advertisement will be published in the Daily Times Leader on October 21, 2015 and October 28, 2015.

Selectman Clark made the motion to advertise for said bids for City Hall renovations.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approving the contract for BENECOM Technologies in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to approve the contract.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for City Clerk Deloris Doss to attend Clerk's Certification class in Pearl, MS on October 21-23, 2015.

Selectman Binder made the motion to authorize travel for City Clerk Deloris Doss.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Grant Writer Melanie Busby to attend CDFA Funding Conference in Charleston, SC on November 1-5, 2015 with all expenses paid through Brownfield Grant.

Selectman Clark made the motion authorizing travel for Grant Writer Melanie Busby to attend CDFA Funding Conference in Charleston, SC on November 1-5, 2015 with all expenses paid through Brownfield Grant.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Alex Lummus to attend Open Water Scuba Certification in Panama City Beach, FL on October 16-18, 2015.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize travel for Alex Lummus.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Allen Flynt to assist in Structural Collapse Refresher Course in Meridian, MS on November 2-5, 2015 with all expenses reimbursed by Task Force II.

Selectman Clark made the motion to authorize travel for Allen Flynt.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Kevin Acker to attend Structural Collapse Refresher Course in Meridian, MS on November 3-4 with meals and lodging provided.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize travel for Kevin Acker.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

Next the Mayor called up the matter of authorizing travel for Lantz Stewart to attend Structural Collapse Refresher Course in Meridian, MS on November 3-4, 2015.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to authorize travel for Lantz Stewart.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Kerrie Blissard to attend all Hazards Liaison Officer Class in Tunica, MS on November 8-10, 2015.

Selectman Clark made the motion to authorize travel for Kerrie Blissard.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Kerrie Blissard to MCDEMA Mid-Winter Conference in Tunica, MS on November 10-12, 2015.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize travel for Kerrie Blissard.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize travel for Chief Tim Brinkley to attend FBI Tennessee/Mississippi Law Enforcement Public Information Officer Symposium in Southaven, MS on October 20-22, 2015.

Selectman Clark made the motion to approve travel for Chief Tim Brinkley.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting Mutual Aid Agreement for fire protection with Clay County Volunteer Units.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to adopt the Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of West Point and Clay County Volunteer Units.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider EMA Interlocal Agreement with Clay County.

Selectman Clark made the motion to consider EMA Interlocal Agreement with Clay County.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter for request for purchase of a full page ad in the amount of \$75.00 from the Clay County unit of the NAACP for annual Eighty Live Members Celebration.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to purchase the ad in the amount of \$75.00

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called upon Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Klutts to give an update on blighted properties.

Mr. Klutts gave a report on property located at 852 Clark Circle. Mr. Klutts stated that proper notices were sent out and notice had been placed in the newspaper. Property owner Robert Stevenson was not present to speak on said property.

The Mayor called upon the Board to declare said property a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of MS Code of 1972.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare the property at 852 Clark Circle a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

Mr. Klutts next gave a report on property located at 921 West Loop Drive. Mr. Klutts stated that proper notices were sent out and notice had been placed in the newspaper. Property owner Clodie Holiday was not present to speak on said property.

The Mayor called upon the Board to declare said property a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of MS Code of 1972.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to declare the property at 921 West Loop Drive a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

Mr. Klutts next gave a report on property located at 513 Churchill Road. Mr. Klutts stated that proper notices were sent out and notice had been placed in the newspaper. The property is listed under the Hattie Metcalf Estate.

The Mayor called upon the Board to declare said property a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of MS Code of 1972.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to declare the property at 513 Churchill Road a public nuisance to public safety under Section 21-17-1 of Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent
Motion carried.

The Mayor next called for Department Head reports. The Water and Light Superintendent, Chris Kilgore, presented his letter of resignation.

The Mayor called upon the Board to accept Mr. Kilgore's letter of resignation.

Selectman Clark made to motion to accept Mr. Kilgore's resignation.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor called upon the Board to advertise for a Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Selectman Binder made the motion to advertise for a Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to give authorization to Police Chief Tim Brinkley to hire two (2) police officers. Chief Tim Brinkley requested to hire one (1) office, Jason Spratt, immediately. Chief Tim Brinkley advised the Board that the second officer, Ladonna Davis, is currently awaiting her second interview and not eligible to be hired at this time.

Selectman Binder made the motion to hire Jason Spratt.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called on Mr. Raspberry for public appearance.

No action was taken.

The Mayor next called up the matter of declaring surplus street signs and Christmas decorations owned by the City.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare the items as surplus.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor called upon the Board for a need to go into Closed Executive Session.

The Board determined a need to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Selectman Binder made the motion to move into Closed Executive Session.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to go into Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

After Closed Executive Session the Board returned to Open Session upon the motion of Selectman Dedeaux and a second by Selectman Binder. A unanimous vote was taken as called for by the Mayor.

No action or vote was taken on said matter discussed during the Closed Executive Session.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adjourn.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.


The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried.

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

