

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, September 13, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held its Regular Meeting the 13th day of September, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City, Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. “Robbie” Robinson presiding, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectman William Binder, City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Selectman Keith McBrayer was absent.

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

Mayor Robinson called on the Board to approve the Consent Agenda and its contents.

Selectman Clark moved to approve the Consent Agenda and its contents.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to adopt a resolution authorizing the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to Prepare and submit a Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Application to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for the City of West Point, MS to make repairs to City Hall.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to adopt said resolution.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of West Point to Commit Funds to a Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Project (Round XII) with a 20% cash match of the total project.

Selectman Binder made the motion to adopt said resolution authorizing the City of West Point to Commit Funds with a 20% cash match of the total project.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 the Marshall Park deed addendum. See attached exhibit for description.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to approve the Marshall Park deed addendum.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 adopting a resolution creating a "WALM PROPERTIES LLP REDEVELOPMENT AREA" relating to the Brownfield Grant. See attached resolution as exhibit.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to adopt said resolution creating a "WALM PROPERTIES LLP REDEVELOPMENT AREA" relating to the Brownfield Grant.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to approve System of Care Consulting Contracts with Turnaround Achievement Network and Alberstein Pickett-Johnson with Community Counseling.

Selectman Binder made the motion to approve the said System of Care Consulting Contracts. Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 approving the hiring of Gouras & Associates. LLC to provide services to the City of West Point in approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan for the City and a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Nature's Golf Project.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to approve the contract with Gouras & Associates. LLC to provide services to the City of West Point in approving a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan for the City and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Nature's Golf Project.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to adopt a resolution for the Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point to determine the necessity for a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan Public Hearing Notice.

Selectman Clark made the motion to adopt the resolution calling for a Public hearing for the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to adopt a resolution for the Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point to hold a public hearing for a TIF Financing Plan for Nature's Golf. Selectman Clark made the motion to adopt a resolution.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for roll call vote and the results were 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 approving a resolution declaring the City's intention to issue a Revenue Bond not to exceed \$361,250 to improve Water and Sewer facilities through USDA Rural Development.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to adopt and approve said resolution.
Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion

The Mayor called for roll call vote and the results were 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 adopting a resolution of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point engaging BUTLER/SNOW to issue revenue Bonds for Rural Development Water and Sewer project.

Selectman Clark moved to adopt said resolution.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 a TVA electric rate increase of 1.5% effective October 1, 2016.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to approve the TVA 1.5% rate increase as a pass through of TVA's increase.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 accepting bids for a new street sweeper for the Public Works Department. It appears that Vacuum Truck Sales & Service's bid of \$259,900.00 is the lowest and best bid. Said bid is for a 2016 Freightliner Chassis and a Johnston VT-651 Sweeper attached. The only other bid received was from Sansom Equipment for \$265,676.00 for an Elgin MV Whirlwind Sweeper.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to accept bid of Vacuum Truck Sales & Service for \$259,900.00.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 upon the Board to declare the old street sweeper as surplus. Said sweeper being a 2010 International Elgin Crosswind Series J Sweeper.

Selectman Binder made the motion to declare the 2010 street sweeper as surplus.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to consider bids for a light duty rescue truck for the Fire Department. Bids received were Taylor Made Ambulance, FOUTS BRDS, NAFECO, Deep South Fire, and Cumberland.

The Mayor called upon the Board to accept the bid from FOUTS BRDS in the amount of \$92,109.00 for the light duty rescue truck for the Fire Department. Said bid being the lowest bid. See attached exhibit of bid tabulation sheet.

Selectwoman Hannah move to accept the bid from FOUTS BRDS in the amount of \$92,109.00 for the Fire Department light duty rescue truck.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 called on the Board to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute documents relating to the truck only.

Selectman Clark made the motion to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute documents relating to the Fire department truck purchase.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to approve a Master Contract and Comprehensive Services Agreement with Central Services Association to provide financial accounting for General City.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to approve the Master Contract and Comprehensive Services Agreement with CSA.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 for the Board to pledge a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Boy Scouts of America Pushmataha Area Council.

Selectman Binder made the motion to pledge an amount of \$100.00 to the Boy scouts of America Pushmataha Area Council.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to request the Mayor and Board of Selectmen to declare 53 units advisor alerts purchased with a 2001 grant as surplus for sale, salvage, or disposal.

Selectman Clark made the motion to declare the 53 units advisor alerts purchased with a 2001 grant as surplus for sale, salvage, or disposal.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to authorize EMA to apply for a mitigation grant to install two new warning sirens in West Point. The Grant match will be 75/25 with the approximate cost to City being \$11,160.00.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to authorize the local EMA to apply for the mitigation grant to install the two weather warning sirens.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 approval of a JAG Grant in the amount of \$5,250.00 to purchase body cameras for the Police Department.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to approve the JAG Grant in the amount of \$5,250.00 for body cameras for the Police Department.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 travel authorization for Tara Sloan to attend a School Resource Officer certification training October 1-17, 2016 in Meridian, MS, Kerrie Blissard to attend Safety Officer Class November 12-15

and November 15-17 in Philadelphia, MS and Ben Davis to attend a TVPPA lab class September 19-23, 2016 in Scottsboro, Alabama.

Selectman Dedeaux moved to authorize travel for Tara Sloan, Kerrie Blissard, and Ben Davis on the dates stated herein.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 recognizing Randy Jones for completing the NIMS ICS All-Hazards Public Information Officer Training.

The Mayor next called up the matter to set new speed limits for Waverly Road. It appears it would be prudent to set 35 mph as the speed limit from the East city limits on Waverly Road, west to Orman Road. The speed limit shall be 45 mph from Orman Road to the point Hickory Drive conjoins Waverly Road. The speed limit shall then be reduced to 35 mph from Hickory Drive to the Waverly Road, Church Hill Road intersection.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to set the speed limit on Waverly Road as set out herein above.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 upon the Board to set the speed limit at 35 mph on Industrial Access Road.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to set the speed limit to 35 mph on Industrial Access Road.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 to consider a moratorium on new check cashing, pay day or title loan establishments. This matter will be taken under consideration.

The Mayor next called upon Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts for an update on blighted properties as defined by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972. Mr. Klutts presented the Board with 4 properties to adjudicate.

The Mayor called upon the Board to move into a Hearing session to consider said properties.

Selectman Binder made the motion to move into a Hearing session to consider said properties.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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

Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer, gave testimony that proper notices had been given as the statute requires along with signs being posted on said property as required.

The Mayor called for property owner Beatrice Smith Estate 754 Broad Street Parcel # 083214A 0160000. No one was present or responded.

Mr. Klutts presented various pictures of the condition of said parcel. Mr. Klutts recommendation was to adjudicate the property as blighted.

Selectman Clark made the motion to declare the said property as blighted. Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 called for property owner John Ray Miles 1875 E Church Hill Rd Parcel # 092A224A 0250000. No one was present or responded.

Mr. Klutts presented various pictures of the condition of said parcel. Mr. Klutts recommendation was to adjudicate the property as blighted and a nuisance to the community.

Selectman Clark made the motion to declare the said property as blighted. Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 called for property owner Railto Capital Advisors LLC Oak Trial Subdivision Parcel # 081B407A 0010000. No one was present or responded.

Mr. Klutts presented various pictures of the condition of said parcel. Mr. Klutts recommendation was to adjudicate the property as blighted and a nuisance to the community.

Selectman Clark made the motion to declare the said property as blighted. Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 called for property owner Nicholas Porter Bohon & Lauren Hays Bohon 1050 Seery St Parcel # 083C114F 0330000. No one was present or responded.

Mr. Klutts presented various pictures of the condition of said parcel. Mr. Klutts recommendation was to adjudicate the property as blighted and a nuisance to the community.

Selectman Clark made the motion to declare the said property as blighted. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 heads report. Fire Chief Wilbourne presented the Board with a letter of resignation from Alex Lummus effective September 27, 2016.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to purchase a full page ad in the amount of \$75.00 for the NAACP banquet.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to purchase a full page ad in the amount of \$75.00 for the NAACP banquet.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the results were 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 asked was there a need for executive session. There was no need for executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Clark made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

A unanimous vote was taken.

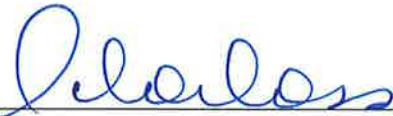
Meeting adjourned.



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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor



Deloris A Doss, City Clerk