

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, July 11, 2017
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their Regular Meeting the 11th day of July 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Robbie Robinson, presiding, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Jasper Pittman, CAO Randy Jones, and City Clerk Deloris Doss. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was present also.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Attorney Richmond and then followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor called upon the Board to approve the consent agenda and its contents.

Selectman McBrayer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and its contents. See attached Consent Agenda, **copied herein as an exhibit.**

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of reappointments.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Orlando Richmond as City Board Attorney said appointment for one year.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried

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Selectman McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Deloris Doss as City Clerk.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Selectman Binder made the motion to reappoint Bennie Jones as City Judge.

Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Randy Jones as Chief Administrative Officer. The Mayor called for a second and there being none the Mayor moved on to the reappointment of City Prosecutor.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to reappoint Michelle Easterling.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

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Selectman Pittman made the motion to approve Keith McBrayer as Vice Mayor. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next made the appointment of Standing Committees as required by Section 2-31 of the City of West Point Code.

- Finance: Selectman McBrayer
Selectman Pittman
- Street: Selectman Poole
Selectman Pittman
- Public Safety: Selectwoman Turner
Selectman Binder
- Utilities: Selectman McBrayer
Selectman Binder
- Public Grounds and Buildings: Selectman McBrayer
Selectwoman Turner
- Recreation: Selectman Poole
Selectwoman Turner

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing EMA Director Kerrie Blissard to apply for a Homeland Security grant for hydrant reflectors, prime movers to pull command trailer, and identification badge system for City Workers.

Selectman Pittman made the motion to grant said authorization. Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

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The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing Fire Chief Wilbourne to apply for a Homeland Security grant to include AED's, thermal imaging cameras, and ventilation fans.

Selectman Poole made the motion to grant said authorization. Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Kevin Acker, fireman. Said travel to be July 10-14-2017 to Brandon, MS to attend Technical Search Specialist training.

Selectman Pittman made the motion. Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Shawn Doss Waste Water Treatment Operator to attend a math workshop August 8-9, 2017 in Hattiesburg, MS.

Selectwoman Turner made a motion to authorize travel for Shawn Doss, Wastewater Treatment Operator. Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called on Jeremy Klutts Code Enforcement Officer to present three (3) properties to be adjudicated as blighted properties under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

The Mayor first called up the George Stevenson property 535 Crowell Street parcel no. 083B3-11D-0200000. No one responded for Mr. Stevenson.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare the George Stevenson property blighted according to statute. Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the Robert Stevenson property 852 Clark Circle, parcel no. 083C414I-0250000. No one responded for Mr. Stevenson.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare the Robert Stevenson blighted according to statute. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Board voted as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

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The Mayor next called up the Letha Jones property, a lot on Clay Street, parcel no. 083B311D-0390000. No one responded for Ms. Jones.

Selectman Binder made the motion to declare said property blighted according to statute.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next presented to the Board certain properties that costs should be assessed against for cleaning. The Mayor also asked the Board to declare said assessments as a lien against each property and to have the tax collector to proceed to sell the property to satisfy the lien as now provided by law for the sale of lands for delinquent municipal taxes. Authority for such action in Section 21-19-11(3) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to order the City tax collector to proceed to sell the following properties to satisfy the lien as listed herein. Said sale as authorized by Section 21-19-11(3) (a) of the Mississippi Code 1972.

Name	Parcel	Amount
Hattie Metcalf, Estate	082D415F0290000	\$300.00
Joe Huddleston	082D115c0120000	\$1,125.00
Stan Byrd	083B311D0020000	\$500.00
Bertha Quinn	082D415D0030000	\$300.00
Joe Huddleston	082D115C0090000	\$300.00
Callie Huddleston	082D115C0130000	\$825.00
OK Tax Services	061d403b0230000	\$300.00

Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next reported to the Board the receipt of Chief Tim Brinkley's letter of retirement. **See attached exhibit A.**

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to accept said letter and to have the Clerk to advertise for applications for a new Police Chief. Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next recognized Marion Marsac, Water and Light Director who presented a letter of resignation from Blakeley Yow, a Water & Sewer employee, effective July 7, 2017.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to accept Mr. Yow's resignation. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

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Selectman Poole then called upon by the Mayor made the motion to appoint Lt. John Langford as intern Police Chief to serve until a new Chief is hired.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor then asked if an executive session was needed.

Selectman Poole made the motion to go into closed session to determine the necessity of an executive session.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

A unanimous vote was taken as follows:

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

While in closed session Selectman Pittman made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion. The vote to remain in executive session was as follows:

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

No action was taken in executive session.

Selectman Pittman made the motion to move to open session and Selectman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye


Motion Carried

The Mayor announced that there was no action taken while in executive session.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn.




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Deloris A Doss, City Clerk