

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
SELECTMEN  
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, September 12, 2017  
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 580 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 Clerk Deloris Doss and then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 the TVA pass through rate increase of 1.5%.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to table said matter.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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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The Mayor next called up the matter of a Public Hearing for levying taxes for General City, Library, and Debt Services for 2017-2018 and the West Point School District. The Mayor opened the public hearing and called for comments from the public. There being none. The Mayor called for a motion to adopt the City millage.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the City's general purpose millage of 29.40, Library 1.25, and Debt Service of 5.50 mills.

Selectman binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called for any public comments on the West Point School District millage. There being none the Mayor called for a motion to adopt the West Point School Millage.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the West Point School District millage of District maintenance 52.75 mills and Debt Service 2.6 mills.

Selectman binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor declared the motion passed.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approving a Worksite Agreement with East Mississippi Community College for the "Counseling 2 Career" Youth Program.

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Selectman Pittman made the motion to enter into the agreement with EMCC for the “Counseling 2 Career” Youth Program.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 approving the final pay request of \$5,379.08 for Bigbee Valley Civil, LLC for the Dunlap Sewer Main Project.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to approve the final payment to Bigbee Valley Civil, LLC.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 advertising the resources of the City with an ad in the NAACP Life Members Celebration program.

Selectman Pittman made the motion to purchase a full page ad for \$75.00 with the Clay County NAACP Life Members Celebration.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

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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 spreading on these minutes a copy of resolution of the Clay County Board of Supervisors requesting assistant form the TRVWMD to repair a bridge on Plaza Drive. See attached resolution as exhibit.

Selectman Poole made the motion to spread said resolution on these minutes.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 the Clay County EMA to apply for a 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).

Selectman Binder made the motion to authorize the application for said grant.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary for said EMPG application.

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Selectman McBrayer made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute said documents relating to the EMPG application.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 the use of the Ultra Life building on Church Hill Road for a Boys and Girls Club.

Selectman Pittman made the motion to authorize the use of the said building for the Boys and Girls Club with details for a lease to be worked out and discuss at a future date.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 for hiring of a new Police Chief.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to appoint Avery Cook as the new Police Chief.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for fireman Heath Donahoo to travel to Pearl, MS for Instructor 1041 class on October 15-19, 2017.

Selectman Pittman made the motion to authorize travel for Heath Donahoo for said purpose.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 City Clerk Deloris Doss to travel to Tupelo, MS on November 7, 2017 for a CSA Financial Fall User Conference.

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

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 considering blighted properties. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcer Officer presented five (5) parcels of property for consideration.

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The Mayor first called Eddie Joe and Bessie Townsend, 255 Rodgers Road, parcel No. 061D-103C-0160000 and no one answered. The Mayor asked Mr. Klutts if proper notice had been given and Mr. Klutts responded that first class mail and newspaper notice along with posting of sign in the yard had been done.

Selectman McBrayer moved to declare the property as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 called up Sadie Heard or anyone representing Ms. Heard for property located at 424 Little St, parcel No. 082D-15B-0270000. No one answered. Mr. Klutts announced that notice had been served by first class mail and newspaper notice along with posting of sign in the yard had been done.

Selectman Poole moved to declare the property of Sadie Heard as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 for Cecil Spruill or anyone representing Cecil Spruill for property located at 73 South Division St. parcel No. 082D4-15A-0180000. No one

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answered. Mr. Klutts announced that notice had been served by first class mail and newspaper notice along with posting of sign in the yard had been done.

Selectman Binder made the motion to declare the property of Cecil Spruill as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the vote. 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 Geradine Chandler lot on Brame Ave, parcel no. 082D4-15B-0340000 was next called up by the Mayor and he asked that this property be tabled to be considered at a further meeting.

The Mayor next called up Jonathan Barkley, 638 Lone Oak Rd, parcels No 081A2088-0140000. Jonathan Barkley answered and came forward.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Klutts stated all notice had been served.

Mr. Barkley asked to have more time to clean his property. The Mayor informed Mr. Barkley that if the property is adjudicated as blighted then the City could enter the property to clean it for up to one year, however the City would work with Mr. Barkley in a reasonable manner to see that the property is cleaned up.

Selectman Binder made the motion to declare the Barkley property parcel No. 081A208B-0140000 as blighted as defined in Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

The Mayor then announced Interim Police Chief John Langford would present two auxiliary police recommendations, Fredrick Brown and Mark Stafford.



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Selectman McBrayer made the motion to approve the auxiliary officers.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor then recognized Ms. Allyson Hamlin.

Ms. Allyson Hamlin made a public appearance and complained of the messy condition of her neighbor's yard in Old Westwood. The Board assured her that the Code Enforcement Officer will address the issue with the neighbor.

The Mayor called for an executive session

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to go into closed session to determine the necessity for an executive session.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote and the vote was unanimous to go into closed session for determination.

Selectman McBrayer then made the motion to move into executive session to discuss a personnel issue as authorized by Section 25-41-7(4) (a).

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

After discussion in executive session Selectwoman Turner made the motion to move into open session to take action on the personnel issue.

Selectman binder 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

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to terminate Public Works employee James Rias.

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: Abstained  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor called up the matter of renewing the contract of Roy Shannon building Inspector.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to extend Mr. Shannon's contract for 6 months.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Failed

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

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

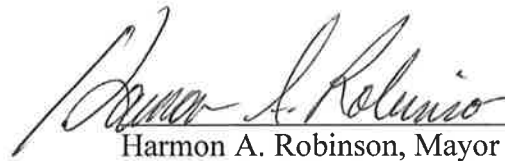
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Failed



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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

  
Deloris A Doss, City Clerk