

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI**

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

5:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 14th day of November 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. "Robbie" Robinson, presiding, Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole and Selectman Jasper Pittman present. Also present City Clerk Deloris Doss, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. CAO Randy Jones was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Selectman Binder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor first called up the consent agenda and Selectman McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 opening a public hearing to consider adopting a new state model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 for comments from the public relating to the adoption of the new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. There were no comments.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to close the public hearing and Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous to close said public hearing.

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The Mayor called up the matter of adopting the new state model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 2017 and to repeal the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance dated April 7, 2011.

Selectman Poole made the motion to adopt said ordinance and to repeal the 2011 version of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 accepting bids for the leasing of 16.5 acres of agricultural land at the Jesse Harmon Sportsplex. Said lease being for two (2) years. It appears that one bid was received and that of Roger D. Rhea for \$60.00 per acre annually. See attached exhibit for bid and publication.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to accept the bid of Roger D. Rhea for \$60.00 per acre.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 West Point by purchasing a basketball ad for one year for \$150.00 with the West Point High School basketball team.

Selectman Poole made the motion to purchase said advertisement. Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of hiring a full time building inspector.

Selectman Binder made the motion to hire Jeremy Klutts as West Point's building inspector.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 Allen Flynt, fireman.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to authorize Fireman Flynt to travel to Meridian, MS. on November 27-30 2017 to teach an OSAR class. All expenses will be reimbursed.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 Allen Flynt to travel to Meridian, MS.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to authorize Fireman Flynt to travel to Meridian, MS on December 5-7, 2017 to teach OSAR class. All expenses reimbursed.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Fred Ivy.

Selectman Poole made the motion to authorize Fred Ivy to travel to Jackson, MS on November 29-30, 2017 for Class I rubbish Site Certification School sponsored by DEQ.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 Police Chief Avery Cook.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to authorize Chief Cook to travel to Ridgeland, MS January 8-12, 2018 for new chief training.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 a blighted property hearing as authorized by Section 21-19-7 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

The Mayor called for CSW Triangle Properties or a representative to come forward as relating to Parcel 082D1-15D-0320000 at 675 Griffin Street West Point, MS. No one responded.

Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcer for the city stated that notice as required was served.

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The Board after considering the evidence and upon the motion by Selectman McBrayer and second by Selectman Poole with a unanimous vote declared the property of CSW Triangle Properties as blighted.

The Mayor next called up the parcel belonging to Mary Ann Kershaw Parcel 082D3-15A-008000, 133 Cotton Mill Village.

Ms. Nicole Wilson made an appearance on behalf of Mary Ann Kershaw. After testimony of Ms. Wilson and considering the evidence the Board took the following action.

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 parcel of Bark Brown, Parcel No. 081A208C-0010000, located in Lone Oak Park. No one responded or appeared on behalf of Bark Brown.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare said property as blighted.

Selectman Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 Chief Avery Cook to present a police department report. Chief Cook informed the Board that he wishes to hire five (5) patrol officers.

Chief Cook recommended Edward Brown, non-certified, for hire as a patrol officer.

Selectwoman Turner moved to hire Edward Brown.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Chief Cook recommended James Shelton, certified officer, as a patrol officer.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to hire James Shelton.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Chief Cook recommended Raven Ross, certified officer, as a patrol officer.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to hire Raven Ross, certified officer, as patrol officer.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Chief Cook recommended Edward Combs, certified officer, as a patrol officer.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to hire Edward Combs, certified officer, as patrol officer.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

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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

Chief Cook recommended Parrish Petty, non-certified officer, as a patrol officer.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to hire Parrish Petty, non-certified officer, as patrol officer.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 Board then heard two individuals who made public appearances.

Ms. Amanda Sykes who asked for an extension to clean up a blighted lot on Cottrell Street.

Mr. Lynwood Prescott asked for consideration to reopen a trailer park on Crepe Myrtle Loop.

The Board took no action on either issue.

The Board then considered executive session. Selectman McBrayer made the motion to go into closed session to determine the necessity of an executive session.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 McBrayer made the motion to remain in executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

There being no action taken and only discussion. Selectman Poole made the motion return to open session.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 made an announcement that no action was taken in executive session and that the Board would now adjourn.

Selectman Pittman moved to adjourn and Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Deloris A Doss, City Clerk