

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
SELECTMEN  
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, April 10, 2018  
5:30 P.M.**

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The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018 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 William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present City Clerk Eddie Longstreet, CAO Randy Jones. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Clerk Eddie Longstreet followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda (see below).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March 27, 2018 Special Call Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 2018 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Jasper 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.

The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt a proclamation in honor of Safe Digging Month. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman Keith 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 blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer was absent. Mayor Robinson presented Jeremy Klutts report of Ms. Eddie Mae Pulliam,

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property located at 10 Mose Street, Parcel Number: 083B411A 010000 as blighted and a menace to public health.

The Mayor called for Ms. Eddie Mae Pulliam to come forward or a representative on her behalf. No one responded. Mayor Robinson reported that proper notice has been given; a certified letter was sent and returned with signature; a sign placed in the yard as required. Mayor asked for questions, there being none.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare the property of Ms. Eddie Mae Pulliam, located at 10 Mose Street as blighted, a menace to public health according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972. Selectman Keith 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 WPPD Office Manager, Yalunka Shields, Municipal Court Clerk, Monica Lairy, and Deputy Municipal Court Clerk, Carla Golden to attend the PTS User Conference in Biloxi, MS May 14-18, 2018.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve travel. Selectman Ken 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 a request from Clay County NAACP representative Dr. Johnnie Rasberry to support its Freedom Fund Event with a purchase of a \$100.00 Ad in their annual booklet.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to approve the request. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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The Mayor called for the vote and the vote 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 recommendation from Jeremy Klutts, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer need for part-time help with clerical duties. Mayor Robinson made the board aware of Klutts' recommendation to hire Margaret Shelton as a part-time employee.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to approve the recommendation. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a need to go into executive session according to the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 25-41-7 (4) (a).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Selectman William 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.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to enter into executive session.

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Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) of the Mississippi Code, 1972 to discuss personnel matters. 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.

City Attorney Orlando Richmond joined by telephone. Also present was Joey Wright, Director of Public Works and Fred Ivy, Supervisor.

Selectman Ken Poole made a motion to place Public Works employee, Michael Bell, on probation for a period of one (1) year. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Selectman William Binder made an alternate motion to terminate the employee according to city personnel policy. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a vote on Selectman Binder's alternate motion for termination, and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Failed.

The Mayor then called for the vote on the original motion to place Public Works employee, Michael Bell, on probation for a period of one (1) year. 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: Nay

Motion Carried.

The Mayor called up the matter of Public Works employee, Corey Watts, for violation of city policy. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to place said employee on probation for a period of one (1) year. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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Selectman William Binder made an alternate motion to terminate said employee. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a roll call vote on Selectman Binder's alternate motion, and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Failed.

The Mayor next called for a vote on Selectman Poole's original motion to place Public Works employee, Corey Watts, on probation for a period of one (1) year and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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>Nay</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of recommendation for disciplinary actions for the two Public Works employees placed on probation.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion for the CAO, Randy Jones to prepare an official letter of reprimand to be placed in the personnel files of both employees to include a suspension of five (5) working days without pay, with the employees' acknowledgment of the Board's stipulations for continued employment. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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>Nay</u>

Motion Carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to move back into open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Tuner voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>

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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Motion Carried.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for the 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

Meeting Adjourned

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

  
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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