

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

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 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, City Attorney Orlando Richmond and CAO Randy Jones.

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve the below consent agenda

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of August 14, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of August 2018 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 Joe Max Higgins, CEO of GTR LINK to introduce West Point’s PECO Foods Plant Manager, Jordan Townsend to address the City Board. Mr. Jordan Townsend conducted a power point presentation of PECO Foods, Inc., answered questions and informed the Board and citizens of their upcoming Job Fair, September 22, 2018 at EMCC Mayhew Campus from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

The Mayor next called up the matter to enter into public hearing to receive public comment on the 2018/2019 fiscal year millage rates.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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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The Mayor after public comment called up the matter to set the General City Millage rate at 29.40 mills, Debt Service Fund at 6.4 mills, and the Library Fund at 1.25 mills. See Attached resolution.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor then 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

See attached millage rates for Debt service and Library fund.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the West Point Consolidated School District Millage request from the West Point Consolidated School District for operations of 53.00 mills and debt service of 2.50 mills for a total of 55.50 mills.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant application with the Office of Mississippi Highway Safety on behalf of the City for a 402 Occupant Protection (Seat Belt) Grant on behalf of the Police Department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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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The Mayor next called up the matter of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost to 15 properties as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972. The Mayor called on the city clerk to read the names of the 15 properties for the record. See attached list of properties.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion assessing the 15 properties. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 to spread on the minutes the Annual Municipal Questionnaire for the audit for year 2018.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was 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 authorization to participate in MEMA 2019 District Four (4) Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 authorization to designate Torrey Williams, EMA Director to represent the City in all matters pertaining to the development of the MEMA District Four (4) Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 the City to move forward on a MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant with a 75/25 match, with the City portion of \$1,913.00 for weather warning systems.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 a request to advertise the resources of the City by purchasing a \$75.00 ad in the Clay County NAACP Annual Life Members Celebration Program.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 to authorize the use of specified, unmarked police vehicles for the Police Department. See attached list of vehicles marked and unmarked

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Torrey Williams, EMA Director to attend MCDEMA 2018 Mid-Winter Education Conference, November 13-15, 2018 in Tunica, MS.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk to attend MML Government and Community Development CMO Course on "Open Meetings and Public Records", October 8, 2018 in Oxford, MS..

selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was 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 Cody Parker, Firefighter with the Fire Department to attend Fire Service Instructor Training, October 8-18, 2018 in Pearl. MS.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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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The Mayor next called up the matter of a Department Head report from Police Chief Avery Cook, who made the Board aware of three (3) police officers resignations:

Officer Corey Moore last date of employment 9-6-18  
Officer Edward Coombs last date of employment 9-16-18  
Lt. Bryan Anderson last date of employment 9-27-18

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the resignations. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of recommendation from Police Chief Avery Cook to hire the following as police officers with the respective date of employment:

1. Chantise Ashanti Henius Start date 9-17-18
2. Robert Austin Johnson Start date 9-17-18
3. Larry Polk Start date 10-1-18
4. Katrina Whitaker Start date 10-1-18

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation to hire. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of recommendation from Marion "Boodro" Marsac, Department Head of Water and Light to hire Jake Pollard as an equipment operator.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation to hire. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next recognized Recreation Director, James Crowley who reported that LaDarius Booker resigned on July 2, 2018.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the report from Recreation Director James Crowley of LaDarius Booker resignation effective July 2, 2018. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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

Selectman William Binder made the motion to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session to discuss a legal matter. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to enter an executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (b) of the Mississippi Code, 1972 to discuss a legal matter of potential litigation Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 votes: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Motion Carried.

After discussion in executive session with City Attorney Orlando Richmond, recommended we secure all documents pertaining to Carla Golden, Municipal Deputy Clerk complaint and any statements from Municipal Judge Bennie L. Jones, Jr., Municipal Court Clerk, Monica Lairy, Prosecutor Michelle Easterling and Police Officers. There being no vote taken.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to come out of executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Motion Carried.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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