

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

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

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 December 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 Attorney Orlando Richmond 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 November 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of December 10, 2018 Work Session Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of November 2018 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 West Point Green Wave 5A State Football Champions to be recognized and presented them with a key to the city in honor of 2018 5A State Championship.

The Mayor next called the matter of West Point Consolidated School Board Appointments. Selectman William Binder and Selectman Keith McBrayer recused themselves and left the room.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to appoint Israel Lee to replace Anita Keys on the West Point Consolidated School Board for a 4 year term. 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: Recused
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Recused

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to reappoint Elizabeth Bailey to the West Point Consolidated School Board for a 4 year term.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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: Recused
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Recused
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to reappoint Shay King to the West Point Consolidated School Board for a 4 year term.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Mayor called for a second the motion, died for lack of a second.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to appoint Laquante Pruitt to replace Shay King on the West Point Consolidated School Board for a 4 year term. 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: Recused
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Recused

Motion Carried.

Selectman William Binder and Selectman Keith McBrayer returned back to the room for the remainder of the meeting.

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting a resolution supporting the internet in rural areas allowing local EPAs to provide high speed internet services.

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 selecting an engineer for the Prairie Belt Power Site (Sewer Project) SAAW Grant. The Mayor made the Board aware that Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. was the only firm to submit a proposal.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to select Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. for the project. 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 of a resolution for final approval of Plum Creek Tax Exemption. See attached order,

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 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 spreading on the minutes the new health insurance quote for 2019, which reflects a 15% reduction in monthly premiums.

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 financing of the MSWIN Radios in the amount of \$171,878.93 for a 48 month period. CAO Randy Jones presented Cadence Bank as the lowest bid of 3.162% for the 48 month period with quarterly payments of \$11,489.23 beginning March 15, 2019, quotes were received. (See attached list).

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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 consider giving December 24, 2018 as a Holiday for City employees.

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 to consider advertising City resources for a \$50.00 Ad for Congratulations to West Point Green Wave Football Team 5A State Champs in the Daily Times Leader.

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 consider advertising City resources for a \$75.00 ad to support Letter to Santa in the Daily Times Leader.

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 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 to consider advertising City resources for a special display Ad of \$200.00 in The Commercial Dispatch honoring the West Point Green Wave Football Team State 5A Champs.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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 blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer, presented first the property of Stan Byrd, Clint & Vicera Doss, Lot on Fourth Street Parcel number: 083B211B 0020000.

The Mayor called for Mr. Stan Byrd, Clint & Vicera Doss to come forward or anyone representing them on their behalf. No one responded. Jeremy Klutts reported that the property had been adjudicated before; notice has been served; first class letter was sent and sign placed in the yard.

After discussion, Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to declare the property of Stan Byrd, Clint & Vicera Doss, Lot on Fourth Street, Parcel number; 083B211B 0020000 as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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 second blighted property, belonging to David Gamble, vacant Lot on Fourth Street, Parcel Number: 083B311D 0260000. The Mayor next called for Mr. David Gamble to come forward or anyone representing him. No one responded.

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After discussion, Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare the property of David Gamble, Lot on Fourth Street, Parcel Number: 083B311D 0260000 as blighted according Section 21-19-11 of Mississippi Code 1972.

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 approve and accept the best and lowest bid for Lone Oak Road/Hwy 50 W water improvement for fire protection. CAO Randy Jones reported the 4-D Construction Co., was the lowest with a bid of \$68,296.75. See attached bid tab sheet.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the bid of 4-D Construction. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorization to advertise for 2 single axle garbage trucks. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the reappointment of Mrs. Sherell Drake to West Point Housing Authority for a 5 year term beginning January 1, 2019.

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

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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 to approve travel for Demond Smith, Firefighter to attend NFPA 1001;1 & II HazMat Awareness and Operations Training (MS State Fire Academy) and Firefighter Basic Skills Training in Pearl, MS from January 7, 2019-February 21, 2019.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve travel. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a recommendation from Marion "Boodro" Marsac, Department Head of Water and Light Department to advertise for an apprentice water treatment plant operator.

Selectwoman Leta made the motion. 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 votes: 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 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4) (b).

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

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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.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (b) of the Mississippi Code, 1972 to discuss legal matters and potential litigation. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called on the City Attorney, Orlando Richmond to update the Board of the legal matters and potential litigation. After discussion and making the Board fully aware of the legal matters, no action was taken.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to come out of executive session. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion to adjourn. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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SEAL

Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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