

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

TUESDAY

April 9, 2019, 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 9th day of April 2019 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, and Selectman Keith McBrayer. Selectman Jasper Pittman was absent. Also present City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, CAO Randy Jones. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Selectman William Binder 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 12, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the March 20, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the March 27, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of March 2019 Claims Docket/Financial Reports
5. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda.

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve proclamation, proclaiming the month of April as Sickle Cell Awareness.

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of advertising the City's resources for The NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet for \$100.00.

Selectman William Binder 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the authorization to construct a new South West Point Substation, voltage conversion of the existing District Substation from 46 kV to 161 kV, and construction of 13 kV feeder circuits to tie new South West Substation to WPWL's existing 13 kV distribution system(s) for PECO Foods.

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the authorization to negotiate a tri-party project agreement with PECO Foods and TVA which specifies each party's costs and responsibilities.

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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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the authorization to secure rights-of-way for 161 kV transmission line tap, including line route survey, appraisals, and purchase of right-of-way for PECO Foods.

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the authorization to prepare a letter to the State PBRB requesting an exemption to advertise for purchase of substation transformers for South West Point Substation using traditional sealed bids in lieu of reverse auction, as well as the actual advertisement for bids for PECO Foods.

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Stanley Spradling with Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. who recommended advertising bids to rehab the North Water Treatment Plant.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the approval of the October 2019 TVA rate change implementation election form.

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

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the voted 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Marion "Boodro" Marsac, WPWL Department Head recommendation for the Electric Line Right-of-Way Line Clearing Services to be Looks Great Services of MS, Inc. who was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$293,008.75. (See attached bid sheet).

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider and accept appraisal to sell Lot# 51 of Scott Street Subdivision in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Selectman William Binder 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

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented Rhoda & William Henley property, located at 335 Crowell Street, parcel number 083B311E 0220000.

The Mayor called for Rhoda or William Henley to come forward or anyone representing them on their behalf. No one responded. Jeremy Klutts reported that the property owner were given proper notices according to statue with a regular letter sent, certified letter and a sign placed in the yard.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion declare the property of Rhoda & William Henley blighted and a menace to the public according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972. 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the second blighted property, belonging to Nola B. Habel Felix Estate, located at 681 Old White Road, parcel number 082D315B 0110000. The Mayor next called for Ms. Nola B. Habel Felix to come forward or anyone representing them, or the estate. No one responded.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare the property of Nola B. Habel Felix, Estate, blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of Mississippi Code of 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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to approved travel for Keith Fortenberry, Chief Operator Water and Sewer Dept. to attend DEQ workshop on April 9-11, 2019 in Jackson, MS.

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Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Glen Lautzenhiser with Crime Addiction Task Force to make a presentation to the Board to consider and ordinance to ban the drug Kratom within the City of West Point.

Selectman William Binder made a motion to place the ordinance on file with the City Clerk for two (2) weeks for public review and comment and consider it on May 14, 2019 regular Board meeting. 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: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called the matter of advertising the City's resources in the Daily Times Leader Profile section for West Point a 1/6 page ad at \$139.95. (See attached document).

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook, WPPD recommendation to accept the letter of resignation of Robert Johnson. (See letter of resignation attached).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook, WPPD recommendation to accept the letter of resignation of Katrina Whitaker. (See letter of resignation attached).

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called for a motion to adjourn. 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
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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Board of Mayor and Selectmen
West Point, MS


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk


Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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