

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, July 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 July 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 Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present Deputy Clerk Deloris Doss, City Attorney Orlando Richmond and CAO Randy Jones. Those Absent were City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet and Selectman Ken Poole.

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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of June 20, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of June 27, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of June 2019 Claims Dockets/Financial Reports
5. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Pittman seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to abandon and quit claim a small section of Bay Street to Shyrl L. Tillman at 29 Bay Street in West Point, MS. as described in the attached description marked Exhibit A. Said abandonment does not deny access to property adjoining former Bay Street.

Selectwoman Turner made the motion. Selectman Binder seconded the motion. See Attached Exhibit A.

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

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

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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for School Resource Officer Tara Sloan to attend DARE Training Conference in Biloxi, MS from July 15-19, 2019.

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

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: Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor then called up the matter of blighted properties from Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts. Mr. Klutts presented board with property belonging to Ms. Clottie E. Holliday Estate, 220 west Loop Drive. No one was present to represent said property. Mr. Klutts stated proper notices via certified letter and mail sent out to said owner.

Mayor called upon the Board for questions on said property.

Selectman Binder made the motion for the said property to be declared blighted and any expenses relating to the cutting of the grass on the property will be assessed to property owner taxes.

Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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: Absent

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor then called up the matter of Public Works Department Head report to transfer (two) part time employees to full time employment. The names are Terry Barnhill and Kyle Chandler.

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Selectman Pittman made the motion to transfer Terry Barnhill and Kyle Chandler to full time employment with the Public Works Department. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor called for a vote for Public Works Director Joey Wright to transfer (two) part-time names to list of workers. The names are Jamone Tillman and Calvin Robinson.

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

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

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called the matter of Police Chief Avery Cook recommendation to hire full time certified police officer Gregory Finney.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to hire Gregory Finney. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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: Absent
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer 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) (a).

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Selectman Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

Selectman Pittman made the motion to remain in executive session according to the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) to discuss personnel matters. Selectwoman Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

Selectman Pittman made the motion to terminate Arthur Cunningham based on department head recommendation. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to terminate Kenny Vassar of West Point Water Department based on department head recommendation. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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: Absent
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Motion Carried

Selectwoman Turner made the motion to come out of executive session and go back into open session. Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

Selectman Pittman made the motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned

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Deloris C. Doss, Deputy Clerk


Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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