

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
FEBRUARY 8, 2011
5:30 PM

This is a Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi. Held the 8th day of February, 2011 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi.

Members present were Mayor Scott Ross, Selectman Rod Bobo, (Teleconference In) Selectman Homer Cannon, Selectman Charles Collins, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman Jasper Pittman, and Attorney Orlando Richmond.

Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called the meeting to order and called Attorney Orlando Richmond to offer invocation and CAO Randy Jones, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called for the approval of January 11, 2011, Regular Minutes.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to approve January 11, 2011, Regular Minutes.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called for the approval of January, 2011 Claims Docket.

Selectman Charles Collins made the motion to approve the January, 2011 Claims' Docket.

The motion received a second from Selectman Homer Cannon.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Keith McBrayer called the first public appearance Mr. Bill Nesmith, to speak on behalf of Franklin Collection Service. No action was taken. Mayor Ross entered the meeting at 5:50 pm. Pastor Stephen Craft, was the last public appearance. Pastor Craft, requested that his lease agreement on the building at 314 Cottrell Street, be extended for two years.

Selectman Charles made the motion to extend Pastor Craft's lease for two years.

The motion received a second from Selectman Jasper Pittman.

The term of the lease shall begin on the 18th day of March, 2011 and end on the 18th day of March, 2013.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross called for the department head reports. Those presenting written reports were Randy Jones, CAO; Mike St. Louis, Building Report; Dwight Priscock Interim Electric Superintendent; Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water and Sewer, and Electric; Chief Johnny Littlefield, Fire Department; Bobby Lane, Interim Police Chief; Joey Wright, Public Works; and James Crowley, Park and Recreation.

Mayor Ross called for questions or comments from the Department Heads and question or comments from the Board of Selectmen.

Chief Lane's recommendation to use AMS to collect old fines.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion accept chief Lane's recommendation to hire AMS to collect old fines.

The motion received a second from Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross stated that the School Board Members were joining the rest of Mississippi in celebrating School Board Member Recognition Week February 13-19. The School Board encouraged the Board of Selectmen to approve a Resolution.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the Resolution.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the school board members of West Point School District are committed to ensuring that the boys and girls of this community are provided the best education experiences available, to prepare them to compete effectively in today's ever-evolving global society; and,

WHEREAS, the school board members of West Point School District have been called upon to provide leadership in meeting more stringent accountability and student achievement goals in a climate of education budget cuts and overall economic uncertainty; and,

WHEREAS, the future of the West Point community depends to a great extent upon the quality of education provided by the West Point School District; and,

WHEREAS, the board of West Point School District have proven responsive to the community, seeking to serve the best interests of both children and community; and,


WHEREAS, Governor Haley Barbour has proclaimed February 13-19, 2011 as School Board Member Recognition Week in Mississippi; and,

WHEREAS, this community owes deep gratitude to the West Point School District and its board members:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the members of the West Point Board of Mayor and Selectmen do hereby commend the School Board Members of West Point School District and salute them for their continued commitment to the children of our school system and the future of the West Point community.

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Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross explained that Mr. James Woods had giving his letter of resignation from the Planning Commission and Cleanup Panel. Mayor Ross stated that he needed Board's approval to appoint Mr. James "Rock" Crawford as a full time board member to the Planning Commission and Mr. J T Winters as an alternative Board Member.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept Mayor Ross's appointments.

The motion received a second from Selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross started old business with stating that MDOT concurs with LPA's selection of Calvert Spradling Engineers Firm was chosen to manage the project on Eshman Avenue, to widen and overlay.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept MDOT's recommendation.

The motion received a second from Selectman Rod Bobo.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

Whereas said negotiations are complete and a final contract has been proposed by the consultant;
and,

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point finds the terms of said contract acceptable, and pending review and approval of Mississippi Department of Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, and unanimously passed, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute engineering contracts with Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc.

Mayor Ross stated that he was not aware of a need for and executive session
Selectman Charles Collins stated that the Mayor's veto of Mr. Harold Lathon, being appointed to the Rail Road Authority Board needed to be addressed. Mayor Ross concurred that if the Board wanted to take action it was the proper time to do so.

Selectman Collins made the motion to override the Mayor's Veto of Mr. Harold Lathon's, appointment to the Rail Authority Board.

The motion received a second from Selectman Homer Cannon.

Selectman Keith McBrayer stated that he wanted the record to show that this matter should be considered by the Board how they make vote.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a roll call vote and results were as follows:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"
Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"
Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Nay"
Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Motion carried 4 to 1 to override the veto.

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Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn.

The motion received a second from selectman Charles Collins.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Rod Bobo voted: "Aye"

Selectman Homer Cannon voted: "Aye"

Selectman Charles Collins voted: "Aye"

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: "Aye"

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: "Aye"

Motion carried.

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

(SEAL)

Lela Q. Jack, City Clerk