

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
OF THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPT  
TUESDAY, April 8, 2014  
5:30 P.M.**

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This is a regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, held the 8th day of April 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon “Robbie” Robinson, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, Selectman Keith McBrayer and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order with an invocation by Selectman Dedeaux, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for any old business. There was no old business to discuss.

Mayor Robinson then called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda which consisted of the March 11, 2014 board minutes, approval of March 2014 claims dockets and financial reports, and the emergency declaration renewal.

Selectwoman Hannah moved to approve the consent agenda and its contents.

The motion received a second by Selectman Clark.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Motion Carried	

Mayor Robinson called on Mrs. Mitzi Thompson, Director of Workforce Training at EMCC. Mrs. Thompson gave an update on the West Point Center. Mrs. Thompson said that as of January 1, 2014 there have been 103 students served who have worked to pass the work keys test.

Next, Mayor Robinson called on CAO Randy Jones to give updated information on the sixteen acres adjacent to the Jesse Harmon Sportsplex, which will be leased by Mr. &

Mrs. Roger Rhea. The appraised amount for leasing the sixteen acres is \$65.00 per acre, and the lease will be executed in a reasonable amount of time.

Mayor Robinson called for discussion in the matter of the residency policy for City Employees.

Selectman Clark moved to amend the City's personnel policy to eliminate the requirement that all City employees be permanent residents of Clay County, Mississippi except for appointed positions and Department Heads.

The motion received a second by Selectman McBrayer.

Selectwoman Hannah made a counter motion to put the matter of amending the policy on residency on hold until next board meeting. Said motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Robinson stated that a motion and a second had been made on the amendment of residency requirement.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Robinson called for Roll Call and the results were as follows:

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Nay

Selectman William Binder voted: Nay

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called for the Board to approve a proclamation as April being Safe Digging Month.

Selectman McBrayer moved to approve said proclamation for Safe Digging Month.

The motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Jimmy Clark voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Mayor Robinson called on the Board to declare as surplus certain real property according to statute. Parcels 083B211A 0090000 / 083B211A0190000 located on Progress Street has ceased to be used for public purposes and the sale would promote the best interest of West Point, Mississippi.

Selectman McBrayer moved to declare surplus the two parcels and to sell them according to Section 17-25-25 of the MS. Code 1972. Statue.

The motion received a second by Selectman Dedeaux.

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

Selectwoman Linda Hannah voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jimmy Clark voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Gary Dedeaux voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Motion Carried	

Mayor Robinson called on Code Enforcer Jeremy Klutts for an update on blighted properties. Mr. Klutts had three properties up for hearings tonight. Those property owners were Tabitha Walker, Pam Patterson, and William Porter. There came on this day the matter of conducting a hearing for property owned by Pam Patterson, specifically identified as Parcel 082A210B-0150000, whose address is 1081 West Loop Drive, West Point, Mississippi. The Mayor called for Pam Patterson and determined that Ms. Patterson was present. The Mayor and Board next determined that notice as required by statute was given and sufficient, and proper as to substance and time before the hearing. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcer for West Point, Mississippi gave testimony that said property was in such a state of uncleanness as to be a nuisance to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Mr. Klutts provided pictures of the condition of the property. Pam Patterson was allowed to make a statement and give testimony. Ms. Patterson testified that she is in the process of cleaning the property and removing the abandoned mobile home from said property. After consideration of the evidence the Board determined by unanimous vote that Ms. Patterson's property is not in compliance

with Section 21-91-11 of the Mississippi code 1972, and that the City will proceed to clean the parcel of land with City employees if not first cleaned by the owner. If the City cleaned the property the actual costs of cleaning the property shall be assessed against the property. The City shall be authorized to reenter the property for cleaning for a period of one year from the date of this hearing without any further hearing if proper notice is given.

There came on this day the matter of conducting a hearing for property owned by Tabitha Walker, specifically identified as Parcel 083B311C-0180000, whose address is Crowell Street, West Point, Mississippi. The Mayor called for Tabitha Walker and determined that Ms. Walker was not present. The Mayor and Board next determined that notice as required by statute was given and sufficient, and proper as to substance and time before the hearing. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcer for West Point, Mississippi gave testimony that said property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be a nuisance to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Mr. Klutts provided pictures of the condition of the property. After consideration of the evidence the Board determined by unanimous vote that Ms. Walker's property is not in compliance with Section 21-91-11 of the Mississippi code 1972, and that the City will proceed to clean the parcel of land with City employees if not first cleaned by the owner. If the City cleans the property the actual costs of cleaning the property shall be assessed against the property. The City shall be authorized to reenter the property for cleaning for a period of one year from the date of this hearing without any further hearing if proper notice is given.

There came on this day the matter of conducting a hearing for property owned by William and Nebra Porter, specifically identified as Parcel 083C114B-0340000, whose address is 909 E. Broad Street, West Point, Mississippi. The Mayor called for William and Nebra Porter and determined that they were not present. The Mayor and Board next determined that notice as required by statute was given and sufficient, and proper as to substance and time before the hearing. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcer for West Point, Mississippi gave testimony that said property was in such a state of uncleanliness as to be

a nuisance to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Mr. Klutts provided pictures of the condition of the property. After consideration of the evidence the Board determined by unanimous vote that William and Nebra Porter's property is not in compliance with Section 21-91-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972, and that the City will proceed to clean the parcel of land with City employees if not first cleaned by the owner. If the City cleans the property the actual costs of cleaning the property shall be assessed against the property. The City shall be authorized to reenter the property for cleaning for a period of one year from the date of this hearing without any further hearing if proper notice is given. Mayor Robinson called for Department Head Reports. There were no public appearances. Mayor Robinson asked was there a need for executive session. There was no need for executive session. Mayor Robinson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman McBrayer moved to adjourn meeting.

Motion received a second by Selectman Binder.

A unanimous vote was taken to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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Deloris A Doss, City Clerk