

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held the Regular Meeting the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City, Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. "Robbie" Robinson presiding, Selectwoman Linda Hannah, Selectman Jimmy Clark, Selectman Gary Dedeaux, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order followed by invocation given by Selectman McBrayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called on the Board to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the February 9, 2016 Board Minutes, the February 2016 Claims Docket, the February 2016 financial reports, and the Emergency Declaration Renewal.

Selectman Clark made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Selectman Binder.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of selecting Calvert-Spradling Engineering to provide engineering services for the Zuber Park renovation project.

Selectman Clark made the motion to select and employ Calvert-Spradling Engineering to provide engineering services for the Zuber Park renovation project.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of selecting The Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to administer the Zuber Park renovation project grant.

Selectman Clark made the motion to select The Golden Triangle Planning and Development District to administer the Zuber Park renovation project grant.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant application for the 2016 Urban Youth Grant program.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents for the 2016 Urban Youth Grant program.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of making an appointment to the West Point – Clay County Emergency Management Agency and to ratify a joint appointment of the Clay County Board of Supervisors and The City of West Point.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to appoint Bill Gibson to the West Point – Clay County Emergency Management Agency and to ratify the joint appointment of Kenny Dill by the Clay County Board of Supervisors and The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of West Point, Mississippi.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of spreading on these minutes a letter of inspection of the McCharen Field Airport by the MDOT Airport Inspector. Said reports showing no deficiencies.

Selectman Clark moved to spread on the minutes said inspection letter attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of Change Order No. 1 for the Main and Commerce sewer improvements project. Said Change Order, an increase in the amount of \$70,358.50, will bring the total construction cost of the project to \$177,750.00.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to approve the Change Order No. 1 for the Main and Commerce sewer improvements projects.

Selectwoman seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of scheduling a public hearing to consider amending the Development Code as relating to sign height and size.

Selectman Binder made the motion to schedule a public hearing on April 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of amending the Development Code relating to sign size and height restrictions for ground signs on premises.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of declaring March 26, 2016 as Robert Harrell, Sr. Day in the City of West Point, Mississippi to honor his contributions to the community. Said date of March 26, 2016 is to coincide with the recognition he is to receive in memoriam at Mississippi State Golf Facility at the Old Waverly Golf Club.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to declare March 26, 2016 as Robert Harrell, Sr. Day in West Point, Mississippi.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing retired police officer Mark Stafford to purchase his service pistol as authorized by Section 45-9-131 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to declare as surplus a Glock 40 caliber pistol, model 22, serial #DXD149, and allow retired police officer Mark Stafford to purchase said pistol for the sum of \$1.00.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of striking the sale of parcel #065-06-0020000 for 2013 and 2014 taxes and authorizing Mary Calvert to pay her 2013 and 2014 taxes. It appears that the Clay County Tax Assessor made an error which has been corrected by the order of the Board of Supervisors on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016. **See Exhibit B.**

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to strike the sale of parcel #065-06-0020000 for 2013 school taxes and to refund \$338.84 to Element 36, LLC, purchaser of said property for the 2013 taxes and strike the City of West Point sale for 2014 taxes.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting a Community Revitalization Plan for the City of West Point. It appears that a CRP will serve as a guiding document that will provide a vision for the revitalization of West Point's neighborhoods.

Selectman Clark made the motion to adopt the attached Community Revitalization Plan marked as **Exhibit C.**

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of approving an agreement for Building Inspector Services for a period of x (6) months.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to approve and to cause to be executed a Building Inspector Service Agreement with Mr. Roy Shannon, attached herein as Exhibit D. Said terms of the agreement begin March 16, 2016 and ends September 16, 2016.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting new building codes for the City of West Point, Mississippi. It appears that the City is currently operating under the 2009 IBC International Building Code.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adopt the following Building Codes for the City of West Point, Mississippi to wit:

- 2015 IBC International Building Code
- 2015 IBC International Residential Code
- 2015 IBC International Plumbing Code
- 2015 IBC International Mechanical Code
- 2014 National Electrical Code
- 2015 IBS Fire Code

The following being exceptions to the above referenced codes:

- 1) The requirement for fire protection sprinkler systems in single and double family residential dwellings is deleted.
- 2) The Use of aluminum wiring and use of conductors smaller than #12 AWG are prohibited.
- 3) Residential personal care facilities shall be fire sprinkler protected regardless of the number of permitted occupants.
- 4) Requirements for permitted customer space shall remain at 30 square feet per person for all one story retail establishments.
- 5) All appendices.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor called up the matter of authorizing Marion Marsac, West Point Electric System Operations Chief, to execute a pole attachment agreement with Delta Telephone Company. Let it be noted that Selectman Dedeaux recused himself from the room during the discussion and vote of this matter.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to authorize Mr. Marsac to execute the pole attachment agreement with Delta Telephone Company. See said agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Recused himself from the vote  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing Randy Jones, CAO, to execute all documents relating to a MDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program grant application for airport improvements at McCharen Field.

Selectman Binder made the motion to authorize Mr. Jones to execute documents for the MDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program grant application for airport improvements at McCharen Field.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing Randy Jones, CAO, to execute documents for lease purchase financing of a pick-up truck for the Fire Department and bucket truck for the Electric Department. Said financing has previously been approved by this Board with Bancorp South Equipment Finance.

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to authorize Mr. Jones to execute the lease purchase documents with Bancorp South Equipment Finance.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting a resolution authorizing the Mayor to request the Mississippi Legislature to eliminate the repealer provision in the existing Local and Private Act enabling the City of West Point to collect a 1% tax levy for hotels, motels, and restaurants inside the City limits.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to adopt the attached resolution marked as **Exhibit F**.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called for a hearing for blighted properties:

- 1) The first parcel considered was Parcel No. 061C304A 0020000, belonging to Randy Kelly, for addresses 2639 and 2641 Lone Oak Drive, West Point, Mississippi. Notice was given by first class mail and by publication. No one appeared.

The Board, after reviewing the pictures of the said property, determined that the property is in need of cleaning as prescribed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectman Binder made the motion to adjudicate the property of Randy Kelly as in need of cleaning as defined under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

- 2) The second parcel considered was Parcel No. 092C 26A 0340400, belonging to Katie Brown Chandler, et al, located at 3012 Wade Harris Road, West Point, Mississippi. Notice was given by first class mail and by publication. Ms. Sarah McMillian made an appearance and gave testimony that the family is making attempts to tear down the house that is located on the property and clean the lot.

The Board, after hearing Ms. McMillian's testimony and reviewing the pictures of the property, determined that the property is in need of cleaning as prescribed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to declare the property owned by Katie Brown Chandler, et al, as blighted and in need of cleaning as prescribed under Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called on Fire Chief Ken Wilborn to present travel requests for his department.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to authorize Lane Stewart, Allen Flynt, and William White to travel to Meridian, Mississippi on April 4-8, 2016 to attend fire training.

Selectman Dedeaux seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called on the Police Chief Tim Brinkley to present three new persons for hire as patrol officers as follows:

1. LaDonna Davis - Full Time Officer
2. Quatta Chandler - Full Time Officer
3. Moneaka Virgil - Part-Time Officer

Selectwoman Hannah made the motion to hire the three patrol officers.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called on Marion Marsac, Operations Chief of the Water & Light Department.

Mr. Marsac recommended a transfer of a 2001 Dodge pick-up, VIN No. 1B7HC16Y71S181469, from the Water & Light Department to the City's General Fund to be used by Animal Control.

Selectman McBrayer made the motion to transfer the said 2001 Dodge pick-up from the Water & Light Department to the General City for use by the City's Animal Control Division.

Selectwoman Hannah seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Selectman McBrayer made a motion to schedule a public hearing on the matter of allowing digital billboards in restricted areas of the City. Said hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Selectman Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Selectman Dedeaux made the motion to adjourn.

Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

The Mayor 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 Gary Dedeaux voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned.



  
Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

  
Deloris A Doss, City Clerk