

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND  
SELECTMEN**

**FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular Meeting the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 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, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, City Attorney Orlando Richmond, CAO Randy Jones was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor first called for approval of the consent agenda.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve the following consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of December 11, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of December 2018 Claim Docket/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to spread over the minutes commending Clyde Hopkins for his service to the City of West Point due to his untimely death.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt a resolution to declare certain real property on Lewellen Street, Lot # 51, Scott Street Redevelopment Area, Parcel # 083B211C 1160000 surplus owned by the City of West Point.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor then called up the matter to approve a resolution and declare January 13-19, 2019 as Municipal Government Week. See attached resolution.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted properties presented by Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor called for the first property to be presented Ms. Mary Alice Henley at 917 Lone Oak Road, Life Estate, and Parcel # 081B107A 0020000. Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Klutts stated that proper notice was given by certified letter, returned receipt and sign in the yard two (2) weeks prior to this meeting.

The Mayor called for Ms. Mary Alice Henley or a representative on her behalf. No one responded.

After no response the Mayor called for a motion to declare the property blighted. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare the property of Ms. Mary Alice Henley as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property of Tyann Henley, located at 907 Lone Oak Road, West Point, MS, Parcel# 081B107A 0030000. The Mayor called for Tyann Henley to come forward or a representative of Tyann Henley. No one responded.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare the property of Tyann Henley located at 907 Lone Oak Road as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Eric Johnson, Investigator with the Police Department to travel relating to a court hearing involving a suspect in a murder case to recover seized property in Atlanta, Texas, January 28-29, 2019. Selectman Ken Poole made a motion.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Albert Lee, School Resource Officer, with the Police Department to attend School Resource Basic Class in Louisville, MS, February 3-8, 2019.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion. Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

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Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Yalunka Shields, Officer Manager with the Police Department to attend NIBRS training in Oxford, MS, January 14-15, 2019.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook with the Police Department who presented a letter of resignation from Sgt. Kyle Eaves effective December 31, 2018.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the letter of resignation. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook with the Police Department who recommended David Fair, Jr. as a new Police Officer for employment. Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion to accept the recommendation. 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook with the Police Department who recommended Benny Bush as a new Police Officer for employment.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 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 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7 (4) (b).

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session to discuss legal matters. 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to enter executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to enter into executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (b) of the Mississippi Code, 1972 to discuss legal matters and potential litigation. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 Jasper Pittman voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson called on the City Attorney, Orlando Richmond to update the Board of the legal matters and potential litigation. After discussion and making the Board fully aware of the legal matters, no action was taken.

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Selectman Jasper Pittman made a motion to come out of executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to adjourn. 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: vote Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

  
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk