

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, October 8, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

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

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Selectman William Binder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Mayor Robinson next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the consent agenda (see below).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of September 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 25, 2019 Special Call Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of September 2019 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of the sale of surplus real property, being a part of Lot 51 of the Scott Street Redevelopment Area, to James Ivy Mitchell and Minnie R. Mitchell of 66 Llewellyn Street West Point, Mississippi. It appears that the property was declared surplus on January 8, 2019 by the City Board and preliminary survey was made by Paul Carpenter determining the size of Lot #51 to be 0.38 acres. Two appraisals were made determining the value to be \$6,000.00. Said cost of both appraisals being \$700.00 to be shared 50% for each party, the Mitchells and City of West Point. Paul Carpenter made a final survey of said Lot #51 and determined the lot to contain 0.30 acres thereby reducing the value of Lot #51 by 21% and reducing the appraisal of said lot to \$4,740.00. See attached survey and invoice of City in the amount of \$5,090.00.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the sale of said part of Lot #51 of the Scott Street Redevelopment Area to James Ivy Mitchell and Minnie R. Mitchell for \$5,090.00. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of West Point Boys and Girls Club appropriation for consideration.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to appropriate \$5,000.00 to West Point Boys and Girls Club and to make it an annual line item in the City's budget hereafter. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the 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 Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented Roger and Tina Price property at 451, 453, 457, and 459 South Grove Street as blighted and a menace to public health according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated 1972. The Mayor called for Roger or Tina Price to come forward. Roger Price came forward to address the Mayor and Board on said properties. The Mayor stated that proper notice was given according to Code Enforcement Officer, Jeremy Klutts.

After discussion of the property by Roger Price and Code Enforcement Officer and Board the following action was taken. Selectman Jasper Pittman made a motion to table the matter to next board meeting. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property of William Knox Tribble located at 899 East Brame Ave. Selectman Jasper made the motion to table the matter until the next board meeting. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property of Edith Tribble located at 33 Calhoun Street. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to table the matter until next board meeting. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve application for Healthy Heroes Grant and authorize the Mayor to execute documents for grant application. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted; Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to be entered into with West Point Consolidated School District for Healthy Heroes Grant. Said MOU incorporated herein.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve the MOU. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Gregory Henderson, Firefighter, and Samuel Harrell, Firefighter with the WPFD to attend NFPA 1001;I and II Hazmat Awareness Operations (MS State Fire Academy) from September 30, 2019 until November 14, 2019 in Pearl, MS.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Torrey J. Williams, EMA Director to attend (MERRITT) Modular Emergency Response Radiological Training from November 5, 2019 until November 7, 2019 in Meridian, MS

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Torrey J. Williams, EMA Director to attend 2019 Mid-Winter Education Conference from November 11, 2019 until November 14, 2019 in Biloxi, MS.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for David Kinard, Firefighter WPFD to attend NASAR ADSAR (Advance Search and Rescue) Public Safety Training from November 18, 2019 until November 21, 2019 in Meridian, MS.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk to attend Municipal Clerk (II-O) Fall Academy Certified Clerk/Tax Collectors Program from October 30, 2019 until November 1, 2019 in Oxford, MS.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Ken Wilbourne of the Fire Department. He recommended the hiring of Dejuantae Ewing as a new certified firefighter for the City Fire Department

Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Wilbourne. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Joey Wright, Public Works Director. He recommended to promote from part-time to full time employment status, Dontavious Shelton with no insurance benefits and Michael Bell with insurance benefits.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Joey Wright, Public Works Director recommendation to add Michael Melton to the list of potential temporary hires to be employed as determined by the department as needed.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up James Crowley, Parks and Recreation Director who recommended to add to the list, Joshua Robinson as temporary hire to be determined by department head as needed.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Officer James Shelton effective October 15, 2019. (See attached letter).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the resignation. Selectman William Binder 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Officer Benny R. Bush effective October 18, 2019. (See attached letter).

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended to hire Jimmy Clark Pee, III as a Police Officer. Said officer is already certified.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was follows:

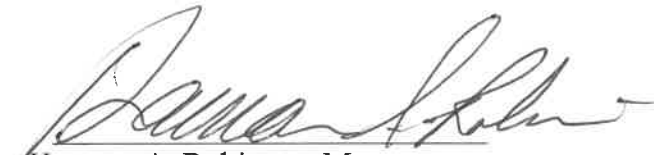
Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye  
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned



  
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

  
Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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