

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, November 12, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 12th day of November 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 were 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. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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 voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda (see below).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of October 8, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of October 2019 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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 Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of hiring a comptroller upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the City of West Point.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to hire Amber Jones as the new comptroller for City of West Point effective December 2, 2019. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Present</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Present</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the State of Mississippi Department of Finance and the City of West Point regarding Senate Bill 3049, which includes funding for the West Church Hill Road Project.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the MOU with the State of Mississippi Department of Finance and the City of West Point. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of adopting a resolution declaring the intention to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.) for street repairs and other related purposes.

Selectman Ken Poole made a 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:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of the resolution of Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi (the City) authorizing the employment of professional services in connection with the issuance not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in general obligation bonds of the City for street repairs and other related purposes.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to employ Butler Snow, LLP as bond counsel. 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: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of consideration of an engagement letter with Butler Snow, LLP for certain matters concerning the services to be performed as bond counsel to the City of West Point, Mississippi (the City) in connection with the issuance of the bonds not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500, 000) in general obligation bonds for street repairs and other related purposes.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt a resolution requesting the Mississippi Legislature to approve the renewal of the 1% hotel/motel restaurant tax for the tourism for the West Point/Clay County Growth Alliance, which expires July 2020.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted properties. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented Anna Dell McCary Estate located at 404 Grove Street as blighted and a menace to public health

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according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated 1972. The Mayor called for Anna Dell McCary or a representative from the McCary family to come forward. No one responded. Code Enforcement Officer Klutts reported that proper notice was given and a regular letter was mailed and a certified letter mailed to the property owner.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the blighted property belonging to John Brown located at 279 Critz Street. The Mayor called for John Brown to come forward or anyone representing John Brown. No one responded. Code Enforcement Officer Klutts reported that proper notice was given, sign place in yard and an ad in the newspaper two weeks prior was also published.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Chief Avery Cook, WPPD to attend the 2019 Winter Educational Conference of Chiefs in Oxford, MS from December 10-13, 2019.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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 voted: Aye
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 Jimmy Pee effective November 15, 2019.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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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.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended that the Board accept the resignation of David Fair effective October 20, 2019.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended hiring Garratt Robinson as a police officer with the WPPD.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended hiring Kedric Collier as a police officer with the WPPD.

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

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended hiring Johneisha Bland as a police officer with the WPPD.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. He recommended hiring Traver Jung as a police officer with the WPPD.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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 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 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.

Meeting Adjourned




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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