

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, March 10, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 10th day of March 2020 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 was 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 City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Robinson called for a motion to approve the agenda. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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.

Mayor Robinson next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda (see below).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Claims Docket for February 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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.

The Mayor next called up the matter of the presentation of FY2018 General City Audit by Andy Davis of Watkins Ward and Stafford, CPA Firm.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accepted FY 2018 General City Audit. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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 Phylis Benson with GTPDD who recommended to the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing GTPDD to proceed with a CDBG grant application for sewer improvements.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 approve a contract with GTPDD for the Gateway Youth Program for Work Experience. 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 the matter of approval to advertise construction for South West Point 13kv Distribution Improvements.

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
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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve a contract between Robinson Real Estate, Inc. and the West Point Police Department to establish a substation at 155 Bugg Street. (See attached contract).

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval to advertise City's resources of \$100.00 for Northside School Program on March 28, 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 to declare surplus property of 2 garbage trucks in Public Works Department and allow them to be disposed according to state law.

1. 2004 Garbage Truck Model# 7400 6x4 Vin# 1HTWAAT75J132226 Property # PW 0087
2. 2004 Garbage Truck Model# 7400 6x4 VIN# 1HTWHAAT95J132227 Property # PW 0113

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval to advertise City's resources of \$100.00 for the Progressive Foundation Third Annual Sickle Cell Awareness 5k Walk/Run Program on April 25, 2020.

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Selectman 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 Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer, who recommended Magnolia Grove RTO LLC located at 74 Wood Ave Parcel # 083C414B 0310000 as blighted. Officer Klutts reported that proper notice was given through regular and certified mail; and those who purchased taxes on this property were also notified. The Mayor called for a representative from Magnolia Grove and no one responded.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Marion Marsac, Operations Manager Water Dept. to attend 50th Annual Technical and Business Meeting of Water Operators from April 15-17, 2020 in Natchez, MS.

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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: Nay
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Nay
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Abstain
The Mayor cast the vote to break the tie Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Torrey Williams, EMA Director to attend MS Partners in Preparedness Summit from May 3-8, 2020 in Biloxi, MS.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole 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 the matter of authorizing travel for Raven Ross, Investigator WPPD to attend Basic Digital Forensic Analysis Training from March 9-12, 2020 in Jackson, 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: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Shawn Doss, Operator Waste Water to attend Laboratory Workshop from April 16-17, 2020 in Pearl, MS. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 authorizing travel for Greg Henderson, Firefighter WPPD to attend MS State Fire Academy Firefighter Class from April 6-May 21, 2020 in Pearl, MS. 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

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Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing travel for Allen Flynt, Sergeant in WPFD to attend Swift Water Rescue from March 27-29, 2020 in Picayune, MS.

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 Joey Wright, Public Works Director, Report to add the following names to the list of temporary hires with start date to be determined by the department head:

1. Chris Henley
2. Darius Quinn
3. Isiah Terry
4. John White
5. Tierre Moore
6. Tyrone Blair
7. Kearis Smith
8. Albert Anderson
9. Lorenzo McMillian
10. Vernon Morton

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook of WPPD. He recommended the Board accept the resignation of Police Officer Kedric Collier effective February 18, 2020 (see attached letter).

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

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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 WPPD. He recommended that the Board hire William Westbrook as a police officer with the WPPD. said officer is already certified.

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 WPPD. He recommended that the Board hire Carmen Farbrough as a police officer with the WPPD. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 need to go into executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7 and to determine if there is a need to remain in executive session.

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

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The Mayor declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according to Section 24-41-7 (4) (g) of the Mississippi Code of 1972. 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.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize CAO Randy Jones to proceed on acquiring property for a South substation 13kv for PECO Foods Project. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

The Mayor called for a vote to return to open session. 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.

Mayor Robinson called for the public to return to the open session, (was there any report of action from executive session)

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

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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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