

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Monday, March 30, 2020
11:30 A.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a special called meeting the 30th day of March 2020 at 11:30 a.m. upstairs 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, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando Richmond.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando Richmond followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor stated the purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to address following agenda items:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Two personnel Issues-Executive Session
2. Consider House Bill 1647 Granting Administrative Leave for WPCSD Crossing Guards
3. Accept letter of resignation from Mr. James Crowley, Parks and Recreation Director
4. Finalizing details for TIF Bonds
5. Recommendation of temporary hires Public Works Department

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 (4) (a).

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to remain in executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) of the Mississippi Code 1972 to discuss personnel matters. 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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Joey Wright, Director of Public Works who recommended termination of Amar Doss.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Joey Wright, Director of Public Works who recommended termination of Stedman Carruthers.

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Ken Wilbourne, Chief of WPFD and Randy Jones, CAO to discuss personnel issue. After lengthy discussion from the City Attorney and Board, the Mayor called for the vote.

Selectman William Binder made the motion not to take any action since there was no violation of policy. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called for a vote to return to open 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

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The Mayor reported in open session that two Public Works employees were terminated in executive session.

The Mayor next called up the matter of House Bill 1647 granting administrative leave for West Point Consolidated School District (WPCSD) crossing guards pay through May 31, 2020 to be reimbursed by the WPCSD.

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept letter of resignation from Mr. James Crowley, Parks and Recreation Director. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of authorizing the Mayor and CAO Randy Jones to open a special account at Renasant Bank here in West Point, Mississippi regarding the Debt Service Reserve Fund of the City regarding the \$700,000.00 Tax Increment Financing Revenue Bond, Series 2020 (Nature's Golf Project).

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

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. Tyrus Strong
2. Zack Jones
3. Mikel Craven
4. J. T. Roach
5. Homer Jones
6. Raphael Collins

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

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 as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned

SEAL



Eddie A. Longstreet
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

Harmon A. Robinson
Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor