

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, May 12, 2020
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 May 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 were present. There were only a maximum of ten (10) individuals present during the meeting in accordance with the CDC guidelines of practicing social distancing.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando Richmond 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 William Binder made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Claims Docket for April 2020 Claims/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.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a resolution authorizing the issuance of GO Bonds, Series 2020 for \$2,250,000 to improve and pave streets and other related purposes. Mayor Robinson then presented Troy Johnston with Butler & Snow to explain the process.

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Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adopt the resolution for the sale on the bonds. . 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 a resolution urging the United States Congress to support direct Federal Funding to all municipalities in Mississippi to help fight COVID-19 and protect local citizens from the effect of the novel coronavirus.

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 need to consider sunset policy for COVID-19 service disconnects in the Water & Light Department for delinquent accounts. (See attached plan for special arrangements attached as exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the proposed special arrangement plan presented by CAO Randy Jones. 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

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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve the Falcon Contracting Company bid of \$856,873.30 to pave West Church Hill Road, said bid already accepted by the Clay County Board of Supervisors on April 23, 2020. (See attached bid).

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: 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 payment to Clay County Mississippi for \$60,911.45 for West Church Hill Road Project; the preliminary costs to be paid from the West Church Hill Road Project Fund, Senate Bill 3049.

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 consider bids for the South West Point Substation for PECO Foods.

The Mayor next called up Jeffrey Atwell, P.E. with Atwell & Gent Electrical & Consulting Engineers to present the bids and answer questions. (See attached bid tabs).

Selectwoman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the recommended bid of Southern Electric Corp. for \$211,086.24 for construction and the bid of Gresco Utility Supply of \$50,568.00 for the metal poles for a total of \$261,654.24 for the construction of the South 13 KV distribution improvements-Phase 1. 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 to consider the face covering issue. After a lengthy discussion on the face covering resolution passed on May 5, 2020. Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion to discontinue the requirement of citizens wearing face covering effective 8:00 pm, May 12, 2020. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Selectman William Binder offered a counter motion to extend the face covering requirement up to two (2) weeks from the original date which will be May 25, 2020 and end at 12:00 p.m. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call vote on the counter motion was as follows:

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

Motion Carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer withdrew his earlier motion. 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.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion to strike the last sentence in Section 4 of the original resolution passed on May 5, 2020, declaring a civil emergency, and for the control of contagious and infectious diseases and related purposes, COVID-19. 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

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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.

Selectman Ken Poole 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: 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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