

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN  
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
TUESDAY, June 9, 2020  
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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Harmon A. “Robbie” Robinson, presiding; Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Selectwoman Leta Turner and Selectman Ken Poole were absent. Also present was City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, CAO Randy Jones and City Attorney Orlando Richmond. 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 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

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 May 5, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for May 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve a resolution of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen authorizing the sale and award of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2020 for \$2,250,000.00 for the City of West Point,

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Mississippi to improve and pave streets and other related purposes. Along with the recommendation to award the best bid to Crews & Associates, LLC with the lowest interest rate of 1.728916 %. (See attachment).

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider granting exemption from ad valorem taxes, except school district taxes to Plum Creek Environmental Technologies, LLC. (See attachment).

WHEREAS, the governing authority finds that Plum Creek Environmental Technologies, LLC has submitted verification and documentation as to the authenticity and accuracy of the application in regard to the value of the property to be exempted and the authority also finds that the property described in the application constitutes an industrial enterprise as described in Section 27-31-101, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended and annotated and that said application was filed with the City Clerk on May 12, 2020. Said period of ten (10) years on the real and personal property beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2029, on the said property described in the application having a true value of \$298,000.00.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to authorize and approve the resolution on behalf of Plum Creek Environmental Technologies, LLC. 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: Absent  
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve the annual insurance proposal from Lyon Insurance Agency for property, law enforcement liability, employment practices liability; auto liability and cyber liability quote for \$194,347.00 annual premium and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to bind the policy on behalf of the City of West Point. (See attachment).

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:

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve the annual insurance proposal from Coburn Insurance Agency for McCharen Field Airport coverage in the annual premium of \$2,672.00, and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to bind the policy on behalf of the City of West Point. (See attachment).

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve the annual insurance proposal from Galloway-Chandler & McKinney Insurance Agency for the Water & Light Department insurance for general liability, pollution coverage, auto liability and physical damage, property, equipment breakdown, public officials and employers liability, including employment practices liability, fiduciary liability, cyber liability and privacy protection in the annual premium amount of \$99,048.00, and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to bind the policy on behalf of the City of West Point. (See attachment).

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to spread the Annual Municipal Questionnaire on the minutes for the audit year 2020. (See attachment).

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize the City Clerk to publish a notice for a public hearing for FY 2021 budgets and the date to adopt the FY 2021 budgets. Hearing: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and budget adoptions: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Publish Dates: June 13, 2020 and June 20, 2020.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to authorize the publication date for FY 2021 budgets. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented the property owned by Letha Jones, Lot on Clay Street, Parcel # 083B311D 0390000 to be deemed blighted according to city ordinances. Mayor Robinson called for Letha Jones to appear before the Board or a representative of Ms. Jones. No one responded. Code Enforcement Officer Klutts stated the proper notice has been given, regular mail and certified mail was sent and properly returned as well as sign was placed in the yard up to two (2) weeks. The property is asked to be deemed blighted and give City authorization to mow grass and maintain property and assign it to tax roll. (See attachment).

Selectman Jasper Pittman made to motion to deem the property as blighted. 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: Absent  
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of reappointment of Robin McCormick to the Golden Triangle Regional Airport Board. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to reappoint Robin McCormick to GTR Airport Board for another term. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of a recommendation of an engineering firm for the North Eshman Project. The selection committee was made up of: Mayor Harmon A. Robinson, CAO Randy Jones, Selectwoman Leta Turner and Building/ Code Enforcement Officer Jeremy Klutts. The committee, after examination of the proposals, recommends Calvert-Spradling Engineering Firm to provide engineering services.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the committee recommendation of Calvert-Spradling Engineering Firm. 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: Absent  
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to amend minutes from Special Called Meeting on March 17, 2020 authorizing lease purchase of two (2) state contract police patrol vehicles. Since the dealer was unable to provide two (2) identical 2019 Dodge Charger models, we had to settle for a new model year (2020) and replacement style vehicle (Dodge Durango) to fill the need for a second vehicle at a higher price.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute the original lease purchase document amount to be increased from the previous approved amount on the minutes at \$55,770.00 to the corrected amount of \$58,638.00 to accommodate the increased state contract pricing for the new model year and type vehicle. 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: Absent  
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook to present a list of equipment and supplies to be declared surplus and to be discarded. (See list attached).

Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare Police Department equipment and supplies on the list surplus to be discarded. 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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up 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 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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according to Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 for personnel matter. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to remain in executive session. 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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

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The Mayor called for the recommendation from Marty Holcombe, a supervisor in Water& Sewer Department to impose disciplinary action on Steven Luker to be suspended for two (2) days without pay for failure to appear at work site after having been contacted and agreed to causing a delay of 2 hours in an emergency repair situation.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the supervisor 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for a vote to return to open session. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to come out of executive session and return back to open session. 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for the public to return to open session. Vice-Mayor Keith McBrayer reported that the Board voted to discipline an employee in the water and sewer department with a 2 day suspension without pay in executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn. 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

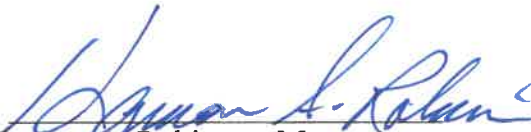
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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

  
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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