

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, June 30, 2020 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a special called meeting and budget hearing the 30th day of June 2020 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs 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 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. The Mayor stated the purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to address following agenda items and to hold a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget:

NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider the adoption of FY 2021 City Budgets
2. Approve hire temporary diver in Public Works Department
3. Accept quote for lease purchase of City server hardware and software system
4. Authorize advertisement for transformers for new substation for PECO Foods project
5. Consider option to purchase property for McCharen Field Airport
6. Should we reopen parks

The Mayor moved the meeting into a public hearing and asked for public comments and questions from the audience concerning the City's FY 2021 budget. There being none. The Mayor stated that the Board will adopt each fund separately.

The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt the City's General Fund Budget of \$7,802,445 in revenues and \$7,783,958 in expenses for the fiscal year 2021. (See attached exhibit for the General Fund Budget).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the 2021 General Fund City Budget as presented. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt the Bond & Interest Fund Budget of \$579,947.59 in revenues and \$506,438.42 in expenses. (See attached exhibit).

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Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the Bond & Interest Fund Budget as presented for the fiscal year 2021.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for adoption of the Maintenance Shop Budget with \$269,500.00 in revenues and \$274,984.00 in expenses. (See attached exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the Maintenance Shop Budget as presented. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for the adoption of the Tourism Tax Budget for Recreation with \$211,676.00 in revenues and \$186,886.00 in expenses. (See attached exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the Tourism Tax Budget as presented. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for adoption of the the West Point Electric Department Budget with \$9,975,879.00 in revenues and \$9,871,754.00 in expenses. (See attached exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the West Point Electric Department Budget as presented. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to adopt the West Point Water & Sewer Department Budget of \$5,943,000.00 in revenues for the fiscal year 2021, and \$5,902,759.00 in expenses. (See attached exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the West Point Water & Sewer Department Budget as presented. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Joey Wright, Public Works Director recommendation to approve the following names to be added to the list of temporary employees with the start date to be determined by the department head:

1. Javon Sykes
2. Jamerquez Petty
3. Deveion Coleman
4. Martavious Clarett

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation of names to be added to the Public Works Dept. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up CAO, Randy Jones to present the recommendation to lease purchase a new server system for the City both hardware and software. Randy Jones recommended Cadence Bank @2.21% interest rate for a period of 48 months. (See attached copy).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the recommendation and authorize CAO, Randy Jones to execute the lease purchase with Cadence Bank on behalf of the City. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize the advertisement of transformers for the new South West Point substation for PECO Foods 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:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider an option to purchase property for McCharen Field Airport from grant funds which do not require any match from the City. (See attached appraisal document). Said option to be exercised with B. Bryan Farms.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion and to authorize CAO, Randy Jones to execute the option and purchase of the property on behalf of the City. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried.



June 24, 2020

The City of West Point
Attention: Randy Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Emailed
West Point, MS 39773

Gentlemen:

The interest rate for the purchase from Southern Network Solutions Server would be 2.21%. The loan request is subject to normal underwriting standards.

This commitment will expire at the close of business on Friday, July 3, 2020. Beyond those dates, the terms and conditions must be renegotiated.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in this venture with you. Should you have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, please signify your acceptance of this commitment by signing one copy of this letter and returning it to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heath Serio', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Heath Serio
Vice President, Columbus

Accepted this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

The City of West Point, Mississippi

By: _____



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The Mayor next called up the matter to consider reopening the City parks. After discussion it was unanimously determined to leave the City parks closed until next Regular Board meeting.


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

Motion Carried.




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A Longstreet, City Clerk