

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, July 14, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 14th day of July 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. Selectman Jasper Pittman was 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:

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| Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: | <u>Aye</u> |
| Selectman William Binder voted: | <u>Aye</u> |
| Selectman Ken Poole voted: | <u>Aye</u> |
| Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: | <u>Aye</u> |
| Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: | <u>Absent</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 June 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of June 30, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval July 7, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of Claims Docket for June 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
5. 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:

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

Motion Carried

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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve a letter of agreement between Mississippi State University's Raspet Flight Research Lab and McCharen Airport and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute the signed agreement on behalf of the City. (See attached copy) To authorize drone flights at McCharen Airport.

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: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval of the Power Supply Flexibility Agreement Contract between City of West Point and TVA and to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute the contract on behalf of the City of West Point. (See attached copy).

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented the property owned by Jaqueline Webster located at 291 Griffin Street to be deemed blighted according to city ordinances. Mayor Robinson called for Jaqueline Webster to appear before the Board or a representative of Ms. Webster. No one responded. Code Enforcement Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given and that said property owner asked if the City would demolish the structure and add cost to the property taxes.

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property. Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer presented the property owned by Bertha Quinn, Lot on Little Street, Parcel # 082D415D 0030000 to be deemed blighted according to city ordinances. Mayor Robinson called for Bertha Quinn to appear before the Board or a representative of Ms. Quinn. No one responded. Code Enforcement Officer Klutts stated proper notice has been given, this property was previously struck to the City, ran in paper two (2) weeks, and sign placed in the yard up to two (2) weeks.

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Ken Wilbourne, WPFD Chief who presented to the Board Gregory Henderson's letter of resignation, effective July 14, 2020. (See attached copy).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept said resignation. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Ken Wilbourne, WPFD recommendation to hire Xavier Moye and Brody White as certified firemen for the department. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. No one seconded the motion. Motion died for lack of second.

Selectman Ken Poole made a counter motion to table the recommendations. 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
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The Mayor next called up the need to go into executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7 4(g) and to determine if there is a need to remain in executive session.

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 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated Section 25-41-7 4 (g) for discussion regarding the prospective purchase of real estate. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to remain in executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to authorize Mayor Robbie Robinson and CAO Randy Jones to conduct the acquisition and purchase of the property located at 449 East Westbrook Street for drainage purposes at a cost of \$78,000.00. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for a vote to return to open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to come out of executive session and return back to open session. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor called for the public to return to open session. Mayor Robinson reported the Board voted to acquire and purchase real property for drainage purposes. Property located at 449 E. Westbrook Street.

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: Absent

Motion Carried.



Meeting Adjourned


Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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