

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, August 11, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 11th day of August 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Vice-Mayor Keith Mc Brayer, presiding; Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present was City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, and CAO Randy Jones. Mayor Harmon A. "Robbie" Robinson and City Attorney Orlando Richmond were absent. There were only a maximum of ten (10) individuals present during the meeting in accordance with the CDC guidelines of practicing social distancing.

The Vice- Mayor McBrayer called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Selectman William Binder followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Mayor McBrayer called for a motion to approve the agenda. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

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>Presiding</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

Vice-Mayor McBrayer 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 July 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of July 20, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for July 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

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>Presiding</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

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The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the final resolution granting an ad valorem tax exemption for a period of ten (10) years for a total true value of \$298,000.00 to Plum Creek Technologies, LLC, as approved by the Department of Revenue. (See attachment).

Selectman William Binder made the motion granting Plum Creek Technologies, LLC final exemption for 10 years as approve by the Department of Revenue. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the contract for administrative services between Golden Triangle Planning Development District, Inc. and the City of West Point for Prairie Belt Power Site Sewer Project, SAWW grant. (See exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve and grant authority to the City Clerk and Calvert-Spradling Engineers to advertise bids for the Prairie Belt Power Site Sewer Project, SAWW grant.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
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The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the list of surplus property in the West Point Electric Department and Water Department presented by CAO Randy Jones and to sell for scrap with proceeds returned back to West Point Electric Department and WPWD Department respectively. (See attached list).

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the surplus property in the Police Department presented by Chief Avery Cook. One (1) 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN# 2FAFP71W11X176842. (See exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the recommendation from CAO Randy Jones to hire one (1) part-time laborer in the Sewer Department. CAO Randy Jones recommended Clemmie Guines for the position in the waste water sewer department.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the recommendation and hire Clemmie Guines as a part-time laborer. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve the recommendation from CAO Randy Jones to hire one (1) temporary full-time laborer in the sewer department. CAO Randy Jones recommended Jerry Johnson for the position in the sewer department.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept the recommendation and hire Jerry Johnson. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice-Mayor next called up the matter of approval to advertise for a water treatment operator Class B for the Water Department.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter to approve a travel request for Chief Avery Cook to attend MS Association Chief of Police in Biloxi, MS from September 28- October 2, 2020.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve travel for Chief Cook. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
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The Vice- Mayor next called up the matter of blighted property report to be presented by Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer. Vice-Mayor called for a motion to enter into Public Hearing. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to enter into public hearing to discuss blighted property. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up Jeremy Klutts to present the first property belonging to Cecil Spruill located at 703 South Division to be considered blighted. Vice-Mayor McBrayer called for Cecil Spruill or anyone representing him to come forward. No one responded. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given, notice was advertised in the newspaper and that it is a reoccurring property.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare Cecil Spruill property blighted. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up Jeremy Klutts to present the James Thompson property located at 113 High Street as blighted. Vice-Mayor called for James Thompson or anyone representing him to come forward. No one responded. Officer Klutts stated that Mr. Thompson has lost interest in the property and recommends it be deemed blighted.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare James Thompson property blighted. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
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Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor next called up Jeremy Klutts to present John Brown property, a vacant lot on Lewellen Street, parcel # 083B211B 0350000 as blighted property. Vice-Mayor called for John Brown or anyone representing him to come forward. No one responded. Klutts stated that a letter was sent to property at address on file and was returned undeliverable; notice was advertised in the newspaper. Klutts recommended the property be declared as blighted.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice-Mayor called for a motion to come out of public hearing and return to open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor called for the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation committee concerning the parks reopening. Selectwoman Turner reported that the committee recommends the parks remain closed. Vice-Mayor McBrayer thanked the committee for their report.

The Vice-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 William Binder made the motion to enter into executive session. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

The Vice- Mayor declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated Section 25-14-7 (4) (a) for personnel matter. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to remain in executive session. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

The Vice-Mayor called up Chief Avery Cook of the WPPD. Chief Cook recommended to the Board to terminate Officer Cameron Yarbrough effective August 3, 2020, based on Chief Cook's letter dated August 3, 2020 to this Board, and filed in Officer Yarbrough's personnel file

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice- 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: Presiding
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye
Motion Carried.

The Vice-Mayor called for a vote to come out of executive session and to return to open session. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to come out of executive session and return back to open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Vice-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: Presiding
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Vice-Mayor Keith McBrayer reported that the Board voted in executive session to terminate an employee in the Police Department.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

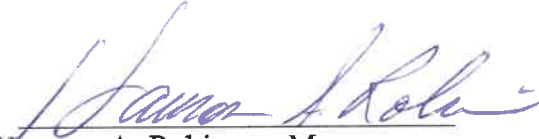
Hearing no further discussion, the Vice-Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:


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

Motion Carried.



Meeting Adjourned


Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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