

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, September 8, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 8th day of September 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 R. Richmond.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor 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: 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 for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of August 19, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for August 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman William Binder 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 to approve an invoice payment to Calvert-Spradling Engineers, Inc. for \$43,200.00 for engineering services for the SAAW Grant on the Yokohama Boulevard Sewer Extension.

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Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve payment of the invoice. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion. (See exhibit).

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

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 public hearing to set the millage rate for the City for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. The Mayor stated that the City millage rate will remain at 29.40 mills, Library at 1.25 mills, and Debt Service at 6.40 mills the same as last fiscal year. (See exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to set millage as stated for the City. 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 of public hearing for the West Point Consolidated School District millage rate. The Mayor stated that the West Point Consolidated School District millage rate of 54.00 mills for Operation and 2.50 mills for Debt Service will remain the same and should be adopted. (See exhibit).

Selectman Leta Turner made the motion to set the millage rate for the West Point Consolidated School District as stated by the Mayor. 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 the bid tabs for transformers on the South West Point 161/13kv substation project. Mayor Robinson called on Jeff Atwell of Atwell & Gent Electrical & Consulting Engineers

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to present the bids to the Board and make the recommendation from the bids received. Jeff Atwell recommended the lowest bidder was Howard Power Solutions of Laurel, MS of \$803,665.00, pending PECO escrow deposit. (See bid tabs).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the recommendation from Jeff Atwell to award the contract to the lowest bidder Howard Power Solutions. 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 of approval to advertise for a journeyman lineman for the Electric Department. 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 the matter of approval to spread over the minutes the MCRG bad debt from the Electric Department. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion. (See exhibit).

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 CAO Randy Jones recommendation to hire Ethen Donahoo as an apprentice lineman at \$16.15/hour along with the utility committee's approval. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept the recommendation. Selectman Keith McBrayer 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 blighted property report to be presented by Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor called for a motion to enter into Public Hearing to consider the property belonging to Robert Stevenson located at 215 Clark Circle. The Mayor called for Robertson Stevenson or anyone representing him to come forward. No one responded. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given and that notice ran in the newspaper two weeks prior to meeting tonight.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare Robert Stevenson property blight according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called Jeremy Klutts to present the Michael Bishop property located 165 Lone Oak Park as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given and that he spoke with Mr. Bishop and he decided to let the property go.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare the property blighted. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property John Brown located at 279 Critz Street, Parcel # 082A410C 0120000 for cutting grass and clean-up eight (8) times at a total cost of \$400.00.

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: 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 assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property of Tiffany Blair located at 824 Railroad Street, Parcel 083B441E 0030000 for grass cutting six (6) times at \$50.00 per cut a total cost of \$300.00.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property of Rhoda Henley located at 335 Crowell Street, Parcel # 083B311E 0220000 for track hoe demolition \$75.00 per/hour for 15 hours at a cost of \$1,125.00, dump truck \$75.00 per load for 4 loads at a cost of \$300.00, knuckle boom at \$50.00 per load for 3 loads at a cost of \$150.00, labor for 30 hours at a cost of \$450.00, plus grass cutting six (6) times \$50.00 per cut at a cost of \$300.00 for a total tax lien assessment of \$2,370.00. 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: Aye
Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property of Sadie Heard located at 424 Little Street, Parcel # 082D415B 0270000 for demolition and clean-up cost for track hoe \$75.00 per hour for 6 hours at a cost of \$450.00, knuckle boom \$50.00 per load for 6 loads at a cost of \$300.00, dump truck at \$40.00 per load for 2 loads for a cost of \$80.00, labor for 15 hours at a cost of \$264.00, plus grass cutting six (6) times at \$50.00 per cut for a cost of \$300.00 for a total tax lien assessment of \$1,394.00. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property of Anna Dell McCary Estate located at 404 Grove Street, Parcel # 083C314B 0160000 for lot first clean-up and cut at a cost of \$200.00 plus grass cutting five (5) times at \$50.00 per cut for a cost of \$250.00 for a total tax lien assessment of \$450.00. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of assess as a tax lien clean-up cost as authorized by Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 to property of Ross Weaver Estate located at 67 Meadowbrook Circle, Parcel # 083C414D 0200000 for grass cutting six (6) times at \$50.00 per cut for a total of \$300.00 as a tax lien assessment. 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: Aye

Selectman William Binder voted: Aye

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of renewal Proclamation of Existing Emergency and Resolution Requesting the Governor to proclaim emergency for declarations: 4429, 4450, 4538, 4536, 4528, and 4478.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to renew proclamation 4429 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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 renew proclamation 4450 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to renew proclamation 4450 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to renew proclamation 4538 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to renew proclamation 4538 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to renew proclamation 4536 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to renew proclamation 4536 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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 renew proclamation 4528 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to renew proclamation 4528 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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 renew proclamation 4478 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to renew proclamation 4478 of the existing emergency declarations and resolution and to request the Governor to proclaim an emergency. 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 designate Torrey Williams, EMA Director as Applicant Agent between the State and City and to authorize him to sign State-Local Disaster Assistance Agreement for declarations:

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4429, 4450, 4538, 4536, 4528, and 4478. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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 authorize City Clerk to sign documents certifying the State and City agreement and designation of Applicant Agent for declarations: 4429, 4450, 4538, 4536, 4528, and 4478.

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.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Rodney Garmon WPPD School Resource Officer to attend Update Skills Training in Moorhead, MS from September 27-October 1, 2020.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve travel. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of street paving for City roads, after a lengthy discussion on the road paving matter. Selectman William Binder made the motion to table the issue until a later date. 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

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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 department head report from Chief Avery Cook, WPPD recommendation to hire Lealon Alexander Cook as a new police officer who is already certified.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the recommendation. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Chief Avery Cook, WPPD recommendation of the following to serve as auxiliary police officers: Monique Liggins, Charlotte Reiland, and Willie Huggins, said auxiliary officers receive no pay or benefits only uniforms. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the 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: 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 Jarred McDaniel with the Recreation Department, who stated he is receiving calls about opening of the City Parks. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to table the decision to open parks until further notice. 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

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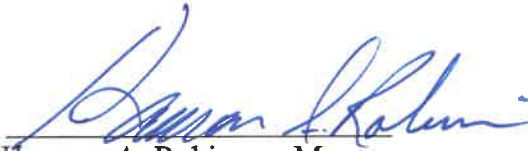
The Mayor next called for the vote to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<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>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned



Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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