

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, October 13, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 13th day of October 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 Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present was City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond. Selectman Ken Poole was absent.

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:	<u>Aye</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 for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of September 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of September 29, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for September 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:	<u>Aye</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 advertising bids for the construction of South West Point Substation. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman William Binder seconded.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
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 advertising for bids for South West Point Substation Control House for materials only. (See exhibit). 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve advertising for bids for construction of 13kV distribution improvements Phase 2 of substation project. (See exhibit). 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve advertising for metal distribution poles (material only) for the 13kV distribution Phase 2 of substation project. (See exhibit). Selectman William Binder 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize Randy Jones CAO to execute the lowest & best contract offer for sewer inspection and cleaning services and camera work with Perma Corp Utilities Construction Company. (See exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: - Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called the matter of approval to authorize Randy Jones CAO to execute a single sole source service contract for cleaning and repairing waste water Schreiber System at the South end of the waste water treatment plant at the old Bryan Foods facility. (See exhibit).

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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of opening the City Parks up partially or completely. Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion to open the City Parks partially with supervision from Jarrod McDaniel appointment only to use baseball and soft ball fields, and tennis courts, and Kids Town opened up under Lisa Klutts supervision. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Selectman William Binder made a counter motion to table the opening of the City Parks until the next Board meeting due COVID-19 health concerns. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion. The Mayor next called for a roll call vote on the counter 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Nay
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

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Motion Carried passed 3 to 1 to table to next Board meeting on November 10, 2020.

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 WAJ LLC, R.B. Farms Company & Harry Phyfer III Estate located at 288 East Street. The Mayor called for WAJ LLC, R.B. Farms Company & Harry Phyfer III Estate or anyone representing any of the said interested parties to come forward. No one responded. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given by regular mail and by certified mail prior to meeting tonight.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to declare WAJ LLC, R.B. Farms Company & Harry Phyfer, III Estate located at 228 East Street 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called Jeremy Klutts to present the William Brownlee, Sr. property located 86 Washington Street as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given, publication was placed in the newspaper two (2) weeks prior to the meeting tonight, also the USDA attorney in Huntsville, AL was contacted about the status of this property as well as informed the USDA was going to let the property go.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to declare the property blighted. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for City Clerk, Eddie A. Longstreet to attend the 2020 Annual Mississippi Municipal Clerks & Collectors Association Winter Workshop, December 9-11, 2020 in Jackson, MS.

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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: Absent
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of department head report from WPPD Chief Avery Cook, who recommended the Board accept the resignation of Detective Jesse L. Anderson effective September 30, 2020. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the resignation of Detective Jesse Anderson. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended the City adopt a curfew in order to curtail some of the recent gun shooting and violence among citizens and out of town traffic. Chief Cook recommends implementation of a curfew to go into effect immediately from 12 midnight until 5 am for 30 days. Selectman William Binder made the motion to adopt the recommendation. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of a need to go into close session to determine a need for 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.

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

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
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 declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to remain in executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated Section 25-14-7 (4) (a) for personnel matter. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Jarrod McDaniel with the Recreation Department who recommended Ricky Gandy receive a \$2.00 (two dollar) raise from \$11.00 to \$13.00 per hour due to having been previously promoted and having extra responsibilities assigned to him. Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to accept the recommendation. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for a vote to come out of executive session and to return to open session. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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

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Motion carried.

The Mayor next called upon City Board Attorney Rolando R. Richmond to report the action taken in executive session. City Attorney Richmond made the public aware the Board decided in executive session to award an employee in the Parks and Recreation Department a pay raise commensurate to his duties and promotion.

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

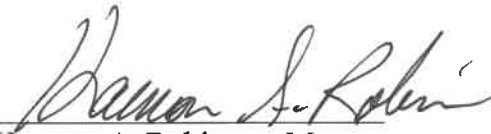
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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Aye</u>

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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