

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, November 10, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 10th day of November 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 were absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Rev. William E. “Buck” Buchanan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by Major Marc Stewart. The Mayor announced to the audience that tonight we will be paying tribute to American Veterans who have served and honoring two Veterans of the Year.

The Mayor next called up Colonel (Ret.) Dwight J. Dyess to make the presentation of the Veteran of the Year Certificates to Reverend William E. “Buck” Buchanan and Michael A. Weaver. The Mayor led the audience in a standing ovation for the two Veterans of the Year and recognized them and their families. The Mayor then excused those who did not want to stay for the regular board meeting and declare the observance over.

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>Aye</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 William Binder made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of October 9, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of October 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for October 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
4. 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:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Aye</u>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to address the opening or partial opening of City parks and tennis courts that was tabled at the October 12, 2020 Board meeting. Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion to fully open the parks and tennis courts. The Mayor called for a second, there being no second to the motion the motion died.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook to make his recommendation to extend the City's curfew for 30 more days from November 11, 2020 until December 8, 2020. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept Chief Cook's recommendation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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 to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with MDOT for North Eshman Avenue Street overlay. (See exhibit). 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 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 Barbara Washington located at 84 Little Street. The Mayor called for Barbara Washington or anyone representing her to come forward. No one responded. Officer Klutts stated that proper notice was given by regular mail and property was run in the newspaper for two weeks prior to meeting tonight.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare Barbara Washington located at 84 Little Street property blight according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated. Selectman Ken Poole 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 Jeremy Klutts to present Priscilla Poss property located 575 Westbrook Street as blighted according to Section 21-19-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated. The Mayor called for Priscilla Poss or anyone representing her. Priscilla Poss came forward before the Board to answer questions about said property. After discussion and a request for more time to be given to clean the property up to comply with codified ordinance. Mayor entertained a motion to table matter to the next board meeting.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table matter to next board meeting. 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 Kennedy Meader, Asst. Chief WPPD to attend LEAPS Precertification Conference in Pelahatchie, MS from November 16-19, 2020. (See exhibit).

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 up the matter to approve travel for Carl Carter, Sergeant WPPD to attend the MS Command College Training in Oxford, MS from December 6-11, 2020. (See exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole 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 to approve travel for Tara Sloan, School Resource Officer WPPD to attend LEAPS Precertification Training Conference in Pelahatchie, MS from November 16-19, 2020. 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

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Allen Flynt, Sergeant WPFD to attend FUNSTAR Instructor Training in Meridian, MS from November 19-20, 2020. 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 Joey Wright, Public Works Director recommendation to promote Michael Melton and Billy Terry from part-time truck drivers to full time. Selectman Jasper Pittman 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

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The Mayor next recognized Selectman Jasper Pittman who asked questions about the carnival/fair in town and who authorized it to set up. After a lengthy discussion about the safety and health concerns of the carnival/fair opening during COVID-19 spike in the area. Selectman Jasper Pittman made a motion to stop the set-up of the carnival/fair operating here in West Point. 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 recognized Selectman Ken Poole who had concerns around the Confederate Monument being relocated. Selectman Ken Poole made a motion to move the Confederate Monument to Greenwood Cemetery or a more appropriate place. 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.

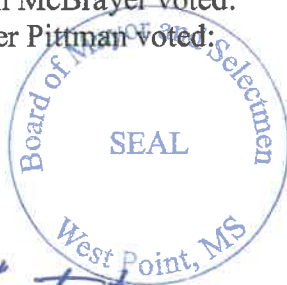
Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.


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: Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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