

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

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The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 Ken Poole, and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present was City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, CAO Randy Jones and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond. Selectman William Binder and Selectman Keith McBrayer were 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 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:

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of November 19, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for November 2020 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook to make his recommendation to extend the City's curfew of 12P.M. (mid-night) to 5 A.M. for 30 more days from December 2, 2020 until January 12, 2021.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept Chief Cook's recommendation. Selectman Ken Poole 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Jeff Atwell with Atwell & Gent Engineers, P.A. to request approval to advertise bids for 161kV circuit breakers for the new substation materials only for the PECO Foods project. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Jeff Atwell with Atwell & Gent Engineers, P.A. to request approval to advertise bids for 15kV circuit breakers for new substation materials only for the PECO Food project. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up Jeff Atwell with Atwell & Gent Engineers, P.A. to request approval to advertise bids for relay panels for new substation materials only for the PECO Food project. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider reappointment of Phillip Dimino to the Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Board; this is a three (3) year term.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to reappoint Phillip Dimino to Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority Board for a (3) three year term. 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: Absent  
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 blighted property report to be presented by Jeremy Klutts, Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor call for a motion to enter into Public Hearing to consider the property belonging to Priscilla Poss located at 575 E. Westbrooks Street. 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 request for another month to clean the property up to comply with codified ordinance. The Mayor entertained a motion to grant one (1) more month for compliance of said property.

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to request the Board of Supervisors to ask for assistance from the Tombigbee River Water Management District in stream cleaning the open ditch between Old Tibbee Road and East Church Hill Road as highlighted on the attach satellite imagery. (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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk to attend the Mississippi Municipal Clerks and Collectors Association Winter Workshop in Jackson, MS from December 9-11, 2020. 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Delores Doss, HR/Payroll Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend the Municipal Election Commissioners Training in Tupelo, MS on December 16, 2020. 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried

The Mayor next called up Fred Ivy, Supervisor in Public Works Department recommendation to Michael Gunn as a part-time driver. Selectman Ken Poole 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended to the Board to accept the resignation of Police Officer Greg Finney who is a SRO and Corporal effective December 4, 2020. 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

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up Randy Jones, CAO recommendation to hire Wesley Millsap as a laborer in the Water & Sewer Department. Selectman Ken Poole 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor 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. 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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
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: Absent  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Absent  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next recognized Selectman Ken Poole who made motion to increase Carla Golden in the Municipal Court a \$2.00 per hour increase in pay based on seniority and performance. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion to increase Carla Golden pay by \$2.00 per hour based on seniority and performance.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Hearing not further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called upon City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond to report the action taken in executive session. City Attorney Richmond made the public aware the Board decided in executive session to increase pay of an employee in the Municipal Court by \$2.00 per hour based on seniority and performance.

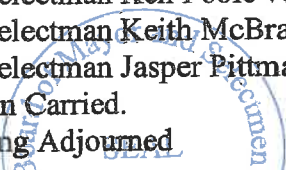
Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to adjourn. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned



Eddie A. Longstreet  
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

Harmon A. Robinson  
Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

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