

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, February 9, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 9th day of February 2021 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. Selectman Jasper Pittman was absent. Also present was City Clerk Eddie A. Longstreet, and CAO Randy Jones. City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond was absent.

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

The Mayor called for a motion to approve the agenda. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the agenda. 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:	<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>Absent</u>

Motion Carried.

The Mayor 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 January 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of January 25, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for January 2021 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Aye</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize and approve payment of invoice for Yokahoma Blvd. Sewer extension utilizing Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) SAAW Grant# MS-17623 (RFC #3) for the amount of \$229,050.80. The ARC Grant will pay \$200,792.90, City of West Point will pay \$14,129.00 and Clay County will pay \$14,129.00, which 10% match of the grant from each municipality. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith Mc Brayer made the motion to authorize and pay the said invoice. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize and approve the West Church Hill Road Invoice presented by Phylis Benson with the GTPPD (Golden Triangle Planning Development District) in the amount of \$38,269.98. This represents the City's share of the project invoice payable to Clay County. (See exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to authorize and approve said invoice. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the lowest bid and award the contract for construction of South West Point 13kV distribution improvements Phase 2 to be presented by Jeff Atwell of Atwell & Gent Electrical Consulting Engineers. Jeff Atwell recommended that the Board accept the lowest bid from Weaver Electric, Inc. of \$299,818.79. (See exhibit). Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept the bid from Weaver Electric, Inc. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the bid and award purchase orders for the purchase of metal poles for South West Point 13kV distribution improvements Phase 2 to be presented by Jeff Atwell of Atwell & Gent Electrical and Consulting Engineers. Jeff Atwell recommended that the Board accept the bid from M. D. Henry Co., Inc. of \$153,906.00. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the bid from M.D. Henry Co., Inc. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the bid and award purchase orders for the purchase of 15 kV vacuum circuit breakers for the South West Point 161/13kV substation to be presented by Jeff Atwell of Atwell & Gent Electrical Consulting Engineers. Jeff Atwell recommended that the Board accept the bid of Siemens Industry, Inc. of 135,537.00. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the bid from Siemens Industry, Inc. of \$135,537.00. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept bid and award purchase orders for the purchase of 161 kV power circuit breakers for the South West Point 161/13kV substation to be presented by Jeff Atwell of Atwell & Gent Electrical Consulting Engineers. Jeff Atwell recommended that the Board accept the lowest bid of Siemens Energy, Inc. of \$147,690.00. (See exhibit). Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the bid of Siemens Energy, Inc. of \$147,690.00. 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: Absent

Motion carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the bid and award purchase orders for the purchase of relay panels and appurtenances for the South West Point 161/13kV substation to be presented by Jeff Atwell to Atwell & Gent Electrical Consulting Engineers. Jeff Atwell recommended that the Board accept the lowest bid of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. of \$201,300.00. (See exhibit). Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept the bid. 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: Absent

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider the written requests of opening the tennis courts at Marshall Park to be used by the West Point Consolidated School District and Oak Hill School. (See copy of letter).

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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook to make the recommendation to extend the City's curfew of 11 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. for 30 days from February 9, 2021 until March 9, 2021.

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 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who presented to the Board the letter of resignation of Policer Officer Deangelo M. Liggins effective February 16, 2021. (See exhibit) Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the letter of resignation. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who recommended to the Board to hire Jarron Dewayne Jefferson as Patrolman with the WPPD. Selectman William Binder 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: Aye
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for William Arnie Cade to attend Tactical Officer Survival School from April 6-8, 2021 and from April 20-22, 2021 in Moorhead, MS. Selectman 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up CAO Randy Jones who recommended to the Board to accept the letter of resignation of Jake Pollard in the Water & Sewer Department effective February 9, 2021. Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the letter of resignation. 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: Absent

Motion Carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned




Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor


Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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