

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN
FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
TUESDAY, May 11, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held their regular meeting the 11th day of May 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 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 to approve the agenda. 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 Ken Poole made the motion to approve the below consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of April 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Claims Docket for April 2021 Claims/Financial Reports
3. 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:

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 resolution stating the guidelines and criteria governing the proposed boundary changes for wards in the City of West Point to be in compliance with the U. S. Department of Justice Regulations. Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve the resolution. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion. (See exhibit)

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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 grant authority to CAO Randy Jones to advertise request for proposals for depository accounts for the City. Selectman Ken Poole 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 to consider approval of the Historical Preservation Commission members that applied for the Commission's Board. The members are: Lisa Klutts, Percy Jones, Melanie Busby, Alecia Randle, Tom Briggs, Kharna Leonard, Elizabeth Bounds, and Charles Ivy. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the list of members. 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 change order No. 1 for street paving-Broad Street Bridge to South Division Street and Illinois Street and Jefferson Street intersection, (See exhibit). Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve change order No. 1. 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
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Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve contract with Calvert-Spradling for the East Side Sewer Trunk Line and the CIPP Line Rehab Projects. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the contract with Calvert-Spradling. 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 the bid for the CIPP Line Rehab Project in the amount of \$522,013.48 and award the contract to Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. (See exhibit). Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to approve and award the contract to Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$522,013.48. 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 City Board Members and City Clerk to attend the 90th Annual MML Conference from July 26-28, 2021 in Biloxi, MS. 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 discuss advertising for a Deputy CAO position. The Mayor called for discussion of the matter by the Board. Selectman Jasper made the motion to advertise for the Deputy CAO position. 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 of consideration for pay increase for the Board. The Mayor called for discussion of the matter by the Board. Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to increase the Board pay from \$14,500 per year to \$20,000 per year effective July 1, 2021. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a roll call 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: Nay
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

The Mayor next called up WPPD Chief Avery Cook who presented to the Board the letter of resignation of Sgt. Eric Johnson effective May 31, 2021, (See exhibit). Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to accept the letter of resignation. 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 WPPD Chief Ken Wilbourne who presented to the Board the letter of resignation of Fireman Desmond L. Smith effective date of May 14, 2021, (See exhibit). Selectwoman Leta Turner 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: Aye

Motion Carried.

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The Mayor next called up WPFD Chief Ken Wilbourne who recommended to the Board to hire Xavier Moye as a fireman in the WPFD. Selectman William Binder made the motion to accept the recommendation. 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 need to go into executive session according to Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 25-41-7 (4) (a).

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. 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.

Mayor Robinson declared the meeting closed and called for a motion to enter into executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to enter in executive session as authorized by Section 25-41-7 (4) (a) of the Mississippi Code, of 1972 to discuss a personnel issue. 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 called up Joey Wright, Director of Public Works who recommended terminating Marcus Jackson as a full-time employee for unbecoming behavior. After lengthy discussion of the Board and calling of witness to testify before the Board in executive session, the following motion was made.

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Selectman William Binder made the motion to suspend both Marcus Jackson and Brandon Bobo for three (3) days without pay effective May 11, 2021 and date of return back to work be determined by the Department Head. 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 move back into open session. 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 reported the actions of the Board from the executive session to the audience.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

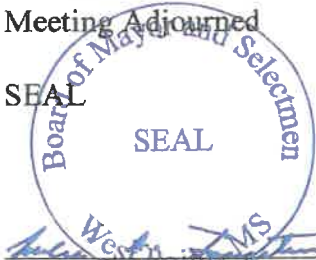
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- Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Aye
- Selectman William Binder voted: Aye
- Selectman Ken Poole voted: Aye
- Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Aye
- Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Aye

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

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