

Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

5:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 8th day of June 2021 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs 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 were Deputy Clerk Deloris Doss and CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney, Orlando Richmond followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor called for a motion to approve the agenda. Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the agenda. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried.

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

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the consent agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of May 21, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Claims Docket for May 2021 Claims/Financial Reports
4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

Selectman 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>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called for public comments regarding the budget for FY 2021 City Budgets. (See attached public hearing sign-up sheet) Selectman Jasper Pittman voiced his concern about the attendance because of the Election Day. That being the only comment.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to close the public hearing. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize CAO Randy Jones to advertise for right-of-way clearing for the Electric Department.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to authorize the conveyance ownership to TVA for property for transmission line use for the South substation. (See attached resolution?)

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman McBrayer seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve the spread of the Annual Municipal Questionnaire on the minutes for the audit FY 2021. (See attached exhibit)

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter to consider approval of Plum Creek Environmental Technologies, LLC application for exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes as authorized by Section 27-31-101, Et Seq., of Mississippi Code of 1972 for a period of five (5) years on real property. Said property is located on Industrial Access Road. (See attached application)

Selectman William Binder made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval of annual General City Liability and property insurance coverage proposal from Lyon Insurance from The Travelers Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$197,802.00 and BCS Insurance Company in the amount of \$3,752.90 for Cyber Liability. (See attached proposals)

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter of approval insurance from Galloway-Chandler & McKinney Insurance Agency for Water & Light Department coverage.

There was no report item was table until next meeting.

The Mayor next called up the matter to accept the presentation of the FY 2019 Electric Department Audit from Mr. Andy Davis with Watkins Ward & Stafford, PA Firm.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of recommendation for reappointment of James Crawford, William Golden, and Pete O'Shea to a four-year term as a voting member of the Planning Commission. Mr. James Crawford term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023 voting member. Mr. William Golden term January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023 as an alternate member. Mr. Pete O'Shea term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024 as a voting member.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve an architectural contract for North Side High School with Pryor Morrow, PC to renovate the North Side School. (See attached contract) The Board thanked Senator Angela Turner Ford for her assistance on this project.

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

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve a proclamation declaring Amateur Radio Week of June 21-27, 2021. (See attached proclamation)

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. 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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Cody Parker, firefighter in WPFD to attend MS State Fire Academy certified firefighter investigator class from June 7-17, 2021 in Pearl, MS.

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

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for David Kinard, firefighter in WPFD to attend MS Fire Academy certified firefighter investigator class from June 7-17, 2021 in Pearl, MS.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider bi-annual depository bids for the City.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to take the bids under advisement and accept at the special board meeting scheduled for July 22nd. 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: Yea
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon Senator Angela Turner Ford to present the board with an end of the session report for informational purpose only.

The Mayor next called up the matter of department head reports. Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made the request to fill two (2) slots in the department. Fire Chief Wilbourne made the motion to fill Fire Inspector Ted Judson's slot with fireman Cody Parker. Mr. Ted Judson will be retiring from the City June 30, 2021. Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne requested to hire Mr. Elliott Johnson as a certified firefighter.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to hire Mr. Johnson. 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: Yea

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Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Mr. Skeeter Busby a non-certified firefighter. Motion died for a lack of a second.

The Mayor next called upon Police Chief Avery Cook to present letter of resignation from Mr. Rodney Garmon effective June 15, 2021.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Next, Police Avery Cook made the recommendation to hire three (3) police officers. The Board approved to hire Mr. Vasquez Clark as a police officer effective June 15, 2021.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. 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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

There were no further reports from department head.

There was no need for executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

Hearing no further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote and the vote was as follows:

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

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Selectman Keith McBrayer:

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor

Deloris Doss, Deputy Clerk