

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, August 10, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 10th Day of August 2021 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding; Selectwoman Leta Turner, Selectman William Binder, .Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer and Selectman Jasper Pittman. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond via teleconference.

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

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

Motion carried

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of June 22, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of July 7, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of July 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of July 20, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of Claims Docket for July 2021 Claims/Financial Reports
6. 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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called for a presentation from Mr. Tim Collins with the Mississippi Housing Partnership on Rental Assistance Mississippi Program (RAMP). No action was needed from the Board.

The Mayor next called up Mr. Andy Davis with Watkins, Ward & Stafford, PLLC regarding June 30, 2019 FYE Audit. No action was needed from the Board.

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The Mayor next called up the matter of the Board approval to declare said Parcel #083C114C 0470000 in the name of Stephanie Vanderbranden was sold in error at the 2021 tax sale. Said property was purchased by the City for drainage and sewer improvement on East Westbrook Street. Said monies need to be refunded to the purchaser at the tax sale. (See attached exhibit).

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:	<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 up the matter of the Board approval to declare said Parcel #082D315C 0050000 in the name of Patricia M Roberson was sold in error at the 2021 tax sale. Said property was purchased by the City for the substation installation in connection with the PECO Foods, Inc. project, etc. Said monies need to be refunded to the purchaser of the tax sale. (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:	<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 up the matter of the Board approval to declare said Parcel #082D315C 0090000 in the name of Patricia M Roberson was sold in error at the 2021 tax sale. Said property was purchased by the City for the substation installation in connection with the PECO Foods, Inc. projected. Said monies need to be refunded to the purchaser of the tax sale. (See attached exhibit)

Selectman William Binder made the motion. 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

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The Mayor next called up the matter of board approval to declare said Parcel #082D315C 0100000 in the name of Patricia M Roberson was sold in error at the 2021 tax sale. Said property was purchased by the City for the substation installation in connection with the PECO Foods, Inc. project, etc. Said monies need to be refunded to the purchaser of the tax sale.

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:	<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 up the matter of approval of the Board to authorize CAO Randy Jones to execute a letter of engagement for professional services from Central Services Association (CSA). (See attached exhibit).

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:	<u>Nay</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 up the matter for the approval of the Board to approve a full page display ad in the amount of \$200.00 from the Green Wave Athlete Booster Club.

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:	<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

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The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Whitney Hancock to attend a Municipal Tax Collectors, Sale, and Land Redemption Workshop on August 1, 2-21 at Mississippi State University.

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

Motion carried.

The Mayor next called up the matter to approve travel for Building Inspector Jeremy Klutts to attend Mississippi Department Archives History training on August 26-27, 2021 in Jackson, MS.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up to matter to approve travel for Fire Inspector Cody Parker to attend a Fire Inspector 2 class on September 27-30, 2021 in Pearl, MS.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to consider lease purchase for police cars. (See attached exhibit).

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer made 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>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of board approval to hire laborer Undrake Lane in the Water department with an hourly rate of \$11.00.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion. Selectwoman Leta Tuner 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 voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of board approval to hire laborer Demarcus Cunningham in the Water department with an hourly rate of \$11.00.

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 voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter of board approval to suspend all travel until January 2022.

Said matter was voted upon to be tabled until City Attorney enlightens the Board more on it.

Selectwoman Let 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 voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter to discuss potential purchase for backhoe in the public works department authorizing CAO Randy Jones to handle all paperwork related to.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called up the matter on giving a public statement concerning spread of COVID-19. Mayor informed the public on the importance of getting vaccinated.

The Mayor next called up the matter of hearing department head reports. Public Works Director Joey Wright recommended the hire three (3) part-time employees to full-time.

1. Darius Quinn from part-time to full-time.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded.

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 voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

2. Michael Ball from part-time to full-time.

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

Motion carried

3. Charles McComic from part-time to full-time.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectwoman Let Turner 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>

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Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Public Works Director requested for authorization to advertise for garbage truck.

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 voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Next Police Chief Avery Cook made the recommendation to hire Mary Higgins as a certified police officer.

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 voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne had nothing to report for board approval. Building Inspector Jeremy Klutts had not to report for board approval. EMA director Torrey Williams reported on vaccination and heat advisory. Code Enforcer Eddie Longstreet reported on working on getting grass cut with different businesses and sending letters out to various businesses. Park and Recreation Jarrod McDaniel had nothing to report for board approval.

The Mayor next called up the matter of wearing masks inside All City buildings.

Selectman William Binder made the motion for a thirty (30) day mandate of wearing masks on the inside of All City buildings along in common areas and interacting with people inside and outside.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called up the matter for a need to go into executive session,

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion for a need to go into executive session. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

The Mayor called upon the board to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to come out of executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to come out of executive session. 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>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

No action was taken in executive session.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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:	<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>Absent.</u>

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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SEAL

Deloris Doss, City Clerk

Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor