Tuesday, August 9, 2022 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2022 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 were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers, 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 adopt and approve the agenda for August 9, 2022.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda. 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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda including items 1 through 4.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 2. Approval of July 28, 2022 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of July 2022 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
- 4. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve Premium Pay Resolution House Bill 1427 and House Bill 1542 creating the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Firefighters Premium Pay Program. (See attached exhibit)

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve resolution from the West Point Consolidated School District to levy taxes to raise money to operate the West Point Consolidated School District schools for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022. (See attached exhibit) The Mayor congratulated the school district on managing the funds.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire and to spread over minutes. (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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve amending the planning and development code for permitted uses for medical marijuana in MDH authorized zones.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board authorizing CAO Randy Jones to issue notice for bids for WPES bucket truck.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorizing CAO Randy Jones to issue RFQ for taxable GO note in case we have to replenish WPES reserve funds due to atypical price increases for outside service expenditures for ROW Clearing, substation construction, and re-circuiting services

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to review MCRG (bad debt list) and consider authorization to transfer list for WPES.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve authorizing payment of certain claims prior to Regular Board Meeting. (See attached exhibit)

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

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:

Abstain

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 upon the Board to approve purchase of a full page advertising ad in the amount of \$200.00 from West Point Green Wave Athletic Booster Club.

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 voted:

Yea Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Motion carried

as surplus property and consider sale of same in accordance

The Mayor next called upon the Board to declare as surplus property and consider sale of same in accordance with Section 57-7-1 for approximately 3.5 acres of City of West Point owned property as described in the attached broker appraisals.

Selectman William Binder 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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approving Task Order 3 with Waggoner Engineers. (See attached exhibit).

Selectman Keith McBrayer 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

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea Yea

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize CAO Randy Jones to re-apply for the ARC grant for Water/Sewer projects.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize COO Bob Edwards to hire George Devico as a laborer in the water department.

Selectman Ken Poole 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize COO Bob Edwards to advertise for a lineman 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for City Accountant Deliah Vaughn to attend 2022 Fall Certified Municipal Clerk Program October 19-21 in Oxford, MS.

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

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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 upon the Board to approve travel for COO Bob Edwards to attend the Mississippi Damage Prevention Summit in Biloxi, MS November 2-4, 2022.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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:

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 upon the Board to approve travel for CAO, Deputy CAO, and any Board Members to attend 2022 MML/PDDs Regional Legislative Planning Meetings August 22, 2022 in Starkville, MS.

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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports. Public Works Supervisor Fred Ivy requested for approval of Board to hire four (4) part-time employees.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: <u>Yea</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea Yea

Motion carried

Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers requested that the board authorize Mayor to sign all documents relating to USDA grants.

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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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook requested the Board to approve pay increases for the department.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook requested the Board to accept letter of resignation from Officer Elliott Johnson.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire Mr. Eddie Washington as a police officer.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

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Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire a police officer for the Housing Authority.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made to motion to table this recommendation. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire a task force of two (2) patrolmen. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

There was a public appearance from Mr. Charles Ivy on the time capsule.

The Mayor next called upon the Board for a need for an executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to close the meeting to determine a need for executive session. Selectman Jasper Pittman seconded the motion.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to move into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to suspend city employee three (3) days without pay effectively immediately.

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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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to come out of executive session.

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

The Mayor made the report form executive session.

The Mayor reported to the public that one year (1) re-appointments were made on the following:

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to re-appoint CAO Randy Jones for one (1) year. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder made the motion to re-appoint City Clerk Deloris Doss for one (1) year. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to re-appoint City Attorney Orlando Richmond for one (1) year. 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: <u>Yea</u> Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

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Selectman Ken Poole voted:YeaSelectman Keith McBrayer:YeaSelectman Jasper Pittman voted:Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to appoint Robin Brown as Prosecuting Attorney. Selectwoman Turner seconds the motion. Motion made by Selectman McBrayer and Selectwoman Turner was withdrawn.

Another motion was put on the table for Prosecuting Attorney. Selectman Binder made the motion to appoint Robin Brown as the Prosecuting Attorney. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to appoint Stephen Ross as the Defense Attorney for one (1) year. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder made the motion to re-appoint Bennie Jones as City Judge for one (1) year. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to re-appoint Mark Cliett as City Judge for one (1) year. 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

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next reported the suspension of five public works (5) employees for three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to suspend Boyd O'Brian three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation. 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:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Yea Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Absent

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to suspend Jessie Hall three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation. 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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Absent

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to suspend Darryl Quinn three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation. 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:

<u>Yea</u>

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Absent

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to suspend Dennis Collins three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation. 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

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

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder made the motion to suspend Michael Ball three (3) days without pay and six (6) months' probation. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Absent

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor

Deloris Doss, City Clerk