

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 13th Day of September 2022 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding. Selectman William Binder, Selectman Ken Poole, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectman Jasper Pittman were present. Selectwoman Leta Turner was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond was absent also.

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

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda for September 13, 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:	<u>Absent</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 motion to approve the consent agenda.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve the consent agenda including items 1 through 3.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of August 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of August 2022 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. 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:	<u>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve an invoice in the amount of \$19,000.00 for ARC SAAW project which was the construction of the sewer line across from Yokohama. (See attached invoice)

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

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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 upon the Board to approve and authorize John Freeman of Calvert-Spradling Engineers Inc. to advertise for bids for the City of West Point "S.B. 2971 Street Paving Project.

Selectman William Binder made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer stated approval of contract to read process to paving in case of bad weather.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve an Interlocal Traffic Control Agreement between City of West Point and West Point School District for traffic control.

Selectman Ken Poole 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>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve to purchasing city Lapel pins for advertisement under Miss. Code Ann. 17-3-1.

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and add special assessment fees for property cleanup on said tax notices. (See attached notices)

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>Absent</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 upon the Board to open public hearing to declare said parcels public nuisance according to Miss. Code, Sec. 21-19-11.

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>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve and to declare said Parcel # 083D213C-0050000 belonging to Susan Ann McCormick, ET AL, and 168 S. Eshman Ave, West Point, MS 39773 as a public nuisance property.

The Mayor called upon Ms. McCormick to speak on said parcel. Ms. McCormick requested from the Board to get a 30 day extension to get the place cleaned up for sale.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to reevaluate this property the next board meeting.

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

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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and to declare said Parcel # 082D115D-0400000 belonging to Francis D. Miller, 784 Griffin St, West Point, MS 39773 as a public nuisance property.

The Mayor called upon Ms. Miller to speak on said parcel. No one was present to speak on this parcel.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare said parcel public nuisance. 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>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve and to declare said Parcel # 083B211B-0590000 belonging to James Williams, Jr. C/O Justin Williams, 156 Lewellen St, West Point, MS 39773 as a public nuisance property.

The Mayor called upon Mr. Williams to speak on said parcel. No one was present to speak.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare said parcel as public nuisance. 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>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve and to declare said Parcel # 083C314A-0160000 belonging to William Knox Tribble, 899 E. Brame Ave, West Point, MS 39773 as a public nuisance property.

The Mayor called upon Mr. Tribble to speak on said parcel. No one was present to speak.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to declare said parcel as public nuisance. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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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 upon the Board to approve and to declare said Parcel # 083C314A-0170000 belonging to Edith B. Tribble, 33 Calhoun Street & 899 E. Brame Ave., West Point, MS 39773 as a public nuisance property. The Mayor called upon Ms. Tribble to speak on said parcel. No one was present to speak.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to declare said parcel public nuisance. 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>Absent</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 upon the Board to declared closing of Public Hearing.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Court Clerk Carla Golden to attend Municipal Court Clerks 2022 Training Course September 21-23, 2022 in Oxford, MS.

Selectman Ken Poole 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>Absent</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 upon the Board to approve travel for Fire Inspector Cody Parker to attend Fire Inspector 1031-II, September 26-29, 2022 in Pearl, MS.

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

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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 upon the Board to hire Public Works Director.

Selectman William Binder made the recommendation to hire Fred Ivy as the Public Works Director. .
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>Absent</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 upon department heads for reports. Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne requested across the board 3% pay increase for the fire department.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion. Selectman McBrayer stated that this increase will be effective September 30, 2022 payroll.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Absent</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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire part-time officer Jabrel Parker.

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>Absent</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

Police Chief Avery Cook made a recommendation to the Board to hire full-time officer Kinton Jones.

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

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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

Police Chief Avery Cook presented the Board with a letter of resignation from Officer Toni Howard.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept letter of resignation. 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>Absent</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

Police Chief Avery Cook made recommendation to Board to approval travel and pay expenses for five (5) officers that traveled to SWAT task team training.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion pending requests of travel forms to be submitted to City Accountant. 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>Absent</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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion pay expenses for travel once forms are submitted. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
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Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made recommendation to the Board to promote Curt Ward to a foreman with 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:	<u>Absent</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 upon the Board to accept the best and lowest bid to Bank of Commerce with a 3.69% interest rate for lease purchase new bucket truck for the West Point Electric department. (See attached bid)

Selectman Jasper Pittman 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>Absent</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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to set Curt Ward salary to step 8. 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>Absent</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 upon Board to allow CAO Randy Jones permission to publish display ad for millage rates.

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>Absent</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 called upon the Board to approve resolution posting of honorary street signage in recognition the dedicated community service of the Honorable Reverend Orlando R. Richmond, SR. ESQ.

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

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: Absent

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer stated that he would like to thank Lisa Klutts and everyone who participated in the success of a great Prairie Arts Festival.

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

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

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

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: Absent

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 come out of executive session.

Selectman Ken Poole 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: Absent

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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 made the report from executive session.

The Mayor reported that Warehouse Manager Margaret Barnette will be getting a pay increase to \$18.54 hour.

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: Absent
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 reported that Purchasing Agent Mary Wright will be getting a pay increase to \$24.72 an hour.

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: Absent
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 reported to the public that Public Works Director Salary will be \$60,000 annually.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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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.

SEAL



Deloris Doss, City Clerk


Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor