

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, December 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 December 2022 at 5:30 p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick “Rod” Bobo presiding. Members present were Selectman William Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, and Selectwoman Leta Turner. Selectman Ken Poole and Selectman Jasper Pittman were absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by Rev. Eddie Longstreet followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to amend the agenda to add re-appointment of school board members. Selectwoman Leta Turner seconded the motion.

The Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda with amended item for school board re-appointments.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda with the amendments. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 3.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of November 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of November 2022 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon to approve the appraisal and lease agreement from Robert Rhett to purchase city owned property. (See attached exhibits)

The Mayor called upon the Board to take this matter up in executive session.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept 2023 new medical insurance rates with an increase of 14% with Affordable Benefits- Andrew Nolin. There was no increase in dental and vision rates. Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept 2023 new medical insurance rates with an increase of 14%. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept an invoice from All Star Fence, LLC in the amount of \$748.00 for fencing on Travis Street relating to the dog park.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to pay invoice. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion. Along with this item Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to cease the original action on the location of the dog park located on city property at the West Side School. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the best and lowest proposal for school playground equipment for East Side Elementary. (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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept Interlocal Agreement on the Emergency Operations transfer of property and Warranty Deed with the County. (See attached exhibit)

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to authorize CAO Randy Jones to oversee the BlueCross BlueShield Healthy Heroes Grant project funds to be placed in appropriate account.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept recommendation from finance committee to hire City Accountant Natasha Rose who is a Certified Municipal Clerk and some accounting skills.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve the observance days for Christmas Eve and day after Christmas.

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Selectman William Binder made the motion to observe Christmas Eve, which is December 23, 2022 and day after Christmas December 26, 2022 and to implement the personnel handbook to reflect such. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to re-appoint school board members.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to table this item. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to receive Legislative update/recap of Washington D C trip in November. This was for information only.

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a recommendation to the Board to hire Devon Eades as a firefighter.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to hire Mr. Devon Eades. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a recommendation to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Mr. Terry Barnhill from the water department.

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

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

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board for permission to advertise for this position.

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

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board for permission to advertise for a cashier position at the electric department.

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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>

Motion carried

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made a motion for a need for executive session to discuss economic development and personnel issues. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

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>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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

Motion carried

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

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

Motion carried

The Mayor made a report to the public from executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to set City Accountant pay. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to accept contract for sale of 3.5 acres of city property pending City Attorney approval. 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: Absent
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Absent

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion. Selectman 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

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Selectman William Binder voted:

Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Absent

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Yea

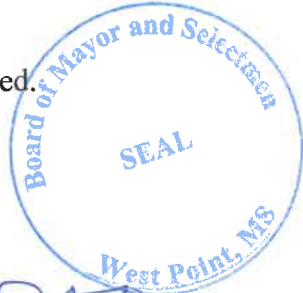
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:

Absent

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor

Deloris Doss, City Clerk

