

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND
SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 14th Day of March 2023 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 Jasper Pittman, and Selectman Ken Poole were present. Selectman Keith McBrayer was absent. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers and City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond.

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

Mayor called for a motion to adopt and approve the agenda.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to adopt and approve the agenda. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor and Board recognized and commended the Boy Scouts for all their dedicated hard work.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of February 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of February 2023 Claim Dockets/Financial Reports
3. Emergency Declaration Renewal

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept West Point Top Performance award from TVA representative David Sparks. Mr. Sparks was not in attendance to present the award.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to declare surplus property on Parcel # 082D115C 0380000 owned by City of West Point and authorize the CAO to coordinate required appraisals and execute any board authorized terms for sale IAW state statute.

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

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder made the motion to authorize CAO Randy Jones to coordinate appraisals for said property. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to of Board to receive an update from Waggoner Engineers on projects and funding. No action was needed or taken on this said item.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to give sponsorship for the Cottrell Street Music and Heritage Festival May 12-13, 2023. in accordance with Section 17.3.1 and Section 17.3.3.

The Board considered a written and oral request from the Cottrell Street Festival Committee for a sponsorship of the festival in the form of financial support. The festival is in its second consecutive year. The representative of the Festival Committee addressed the Board detailing the success of last year's festival and some of the plans for an expanded festival this year. The request for this year is support from the City in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00). The Board then discussed the festival and its impact on the City, including a number of specific favorable aspects and nothing unfavorable. The Board specifically found that: (1) the festival is an exposition or public entertainment; (2) financial support of the festival and its purposes would provide advertising for the City and bring favorable notice to the City; (3) financial support of the festival would advance the moral interests of the City, including a recognition of the historical and social importance of Cottrell Street; and (4) that the financial interests and notice of City resources will be positively impacted by expending money in support of the festival. Selectman Pittman made a motion to fund the Festival this year in the amount of \$6,000.00 in light of the findings above. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Leta Turner. The Board voted as follows:

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept FYE June 30, 2021 audit for General City, West Point Electric, and West Point Water & Sewer Department from Watkins, Ward, and Stafford.

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept General City FYE 2021 audit.
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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept General City FYE 2021 Audit.
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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept Electric Department FYE 2021 Audit.
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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to accept Water and Sewer Department FYE 2021
Audit. Selectman William Binder seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve and to declare a state of emergency for drainage repair at the corner of Critz and Main Street due to a sinkhole and authorize emergency purchase for the stormwater box and installation.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve speed bumps on Old White Road South between Tubb Ave. and Mayhew Street.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Mayor Bobo to attend AAMA 2023 Conference April 19-21 in Washington, DC.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Asst. Chief Kennedy Meaders to attend a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Train the Trainer April 17-18, 2023 in Raymond, MS.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Accountant Brad Nester to attend NMPAA Conference on March 21-24, 2023, in Tupelo, 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>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Public Works Director Fred Ivy made a request to the Board to hire three (3) part-time seasonal help for six (6) months.

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

Motion carried

Public Works Director Fred Ivy made a request to the Board to transfer Tetories Jefferson from the Parks department to Public Works department as a full-time employee with benefits.

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

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a request to the Board to accept letter of resignation from Calvin Montgomery.

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:

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

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne made a request to the Board to hire Austin Donahoo as a fireman. 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 voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Joseph Redmond as a full-time 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:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Parks and Recreation Director Jarrod McDaniel made a request to the Board to hire Nicolas Haynes as a full-time employee with benefits.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried

Parks and Recreation Director Jarrod McDaniel made a request to the Board to hire Darvis Davidson as a part time employee.

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

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Xavier Moore in the electric department.

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

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Margaret Shelton in the electric department.

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

Motion carried

COO Bob Edwards made a request to the Board to accept transfers for Boyd O'Brian from the Public Works department to the Water Department and Darius Quinn from Public Works department to the position of Meter Reader in the Water and Light department.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion. Selection 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to hear a public appearance from Ms. Keonette Slay in support of the Bryan Public Library.

Ms. Slay presented the Board with two requests, one relating to assistance with utility bills and the second one relating to acquisition of books. No action was taken on this.

Mayor next called upon the Board to close the meeting to determine a need for an executive session.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made a motion to close the meeting for a need for executive session.

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

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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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Mayor called upon the Board to move and remain in executive session to discuss personnel issues.

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

Motion carried

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to promote Willie Thomas with a pay increase in the Shop department. 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>Ye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to terminate Officer Jamar House. 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>Ye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to hire Byron Acker as a part-time 811 locator/trouble shooter on a yearly contract at a rate of \$30.34 per hour with no benefits.

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

Motion carried

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to hire Paul Caskey as a part-time Certified Water Treatment Plant operator at a rate of \$30.70 per hour with no benefits. 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>Nay</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Ye</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to hire Boodro Marsac as a part-time Certified Water Treatment Plant operator at a rate of \$30.70 per hour with no benefits.

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

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Selectwoman Leta Turner 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</u>


Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL




Rodrick "Rod" Bobo Mayor


Deloris Doss, City Clerk

