

**Draft REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE  
CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of March 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 Keith McBrayer, Selectman Ken Poole and Selectman Jasper Pittman were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando R. Richmond was present also.

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 March 8, 2022.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to adopt 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>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Absent</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 including items 1 through 3.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of February 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of February 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>Yea</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 hire Chief of Operation for the Water and Electric department.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to hire Mr. Bob Edwards as the Chief of Operations for the Water/Electric Department. 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>
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Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>

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Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea  
Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to authorize CAO/Deputy CAO to advertise for bids on repairs to the library roof.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to allow CAO Randy Jones to advertise for RFQ for Energy Service Providers.

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: 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 advertisement for City resources for the Cottrell Street Festival May 6-8, 2022.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to advertise City resources for the Cottrell Street Festival May 6-9, 2022 in the amount of \$5,000. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

Selectwoman Leta Turner motion to amend the motion to sponsor and in the amount of \$5,000 with the City to partner for public resources and to sign a proclamation declaring May 6-8, 2022 as Cottrell Street Festival. 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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to make a City donation for a Time Capsule that will be placed outside City Hall near Rose Garden.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to table this item. 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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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 accept a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) for a third period of the Healthy Heroes Program with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation.

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: 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 accept an official proclamation designating April 3-9, 2022 as Junior Auxiliary Week in West Point, MS.

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 upon the Board to accept an agreement for WPWL to contract with UMS.

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: 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 accept Agreement for Online Auction Portal between The City of West Point, MS and GovEase Auction LLC for online City Tax Sale.

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

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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 accept recommendation from City Clerk to hire Ava Harris as Deputy Clerk at City Hall.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept the Planning Commission Appointments:

Herbert Gunn- Voting member January 1, 2022 - January 1, 2025  
Richard Henson- Voting Member January 1, 2022 - January 1, 2025 to replace Monte Brasfield  
Mary Ann Briggs- Alternate Member January 1, 2022- January 1, 2026

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

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept letter of intention to retire from Paul Caskey and the use of remaining vacation days beginning April 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to table this item. 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: Absent  
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea  
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept a letter of resignation from Bert Parker with the Fire Department effective March 31, 2022.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Court Clerk Carla Golden to attend MML Annual Conference June 26-29, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

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>Absent</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 Deputy Court Clerk Chana Brooks to attend MML Annual Conference June 26-29, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

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:	<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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Mayor/Board of Selectmen/Deputy CAO to attend MML Annual Conference June 26-29, 2022 in Biloxi, MS.

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:	<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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Chief Wastewater Keith Fortenberry to attend MWPCOA Annual Conference April 18-20, 2022 in Meridian, MS.

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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:	<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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to accept best and lowest bid for roofing at the Police Department.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to authorize CAO Randy Jones to accept the lowest and best bid for the roofing at the Police Department. 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>Absent</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 extend the mask mandate inside of all City buildings for another 30 days.

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

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer stated that Mississippi State has discontinued the mask mandate.

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports. Public Works Assistant Director Fred Ivy made a recommendation to the Board to promote two (2) part-time employees to full-time.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion hire Benjamin Taylor as a full time employee. 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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to hire Brenton Cunningham as a full-time employee. 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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne called upon the Board to get permission to advertise for a fireman.

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:	<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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

Fire Chief Ken Wilbourne would like to thank 4-Count for the donation of \$10,000 for turnout gear for the department.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to adjourn meeting for a need for executive session.

Selectman Jasper Pittman made the motion to determine a need for executive session.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

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

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

Motion carried

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The Mayor called for a motion to come out of executive session. The Board made a motion to allow Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers to take vacation.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to come out of executive session. 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>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor presented the public with a report from executive session.

Selectwoman Leta Turner made the motion to allow Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers to take vacation June 20-24<sup>th</sup> 2022. 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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor made a recommendation to the Board to give a payroll increase to Deputy Chief Wastewater Operator Shawn Doss in an increment of \$5,000 annually.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor made a recommendation to the Board to give a payroll increase to Water/Light Accountant Brad Nester in an increment of \$5,000 annually.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried



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Selectman William 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:	<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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor made a recommendation to the Board on the salary for COO Bob Edwards.

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>Yea</u>

Motion carried

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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:

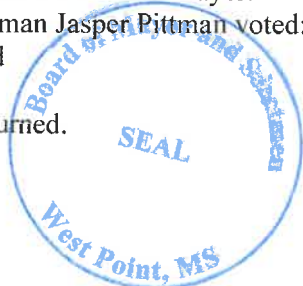
Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Absent</u>
Selectman Keith McBrayer:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>


Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

SEAL

  
Deloris Doss, City Clerk



  
Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor