

**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR  
THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a regular meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2024 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 Keith McBrayer, Selectman Ken Poole, and Selectwoman Leta Turner were present. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was also present. CAO Randy Jones was absent.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The invocation was provided by City Attorney Orlando Richmond followed by a Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor called on the Board and the public for a moment of silence in memory of our late Selectman Jasper Pittman.

The Mayor called upon the Board for the adoption and approval of the agenda.

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 during this vote

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board 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 April 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of April 2024 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: Absent during this vote

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Motion carried

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The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve an award lease purchase quote for a Forklift. (Cadence/Bank First/Bank of Commerce) There were three said quotes with Bank First being the lowest and best quote.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to award the lease purchase quote to Bank First. 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

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to declare a public hearing to discuss blighted properties.

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under MS. Code Section 21-19-11 belonging to EJC & BM Properties LLC, 180 Seitz St., Parcel 081A308B 0070000. Juneteenth (June 19, 2023) as a holiday for the City of West Point.

The Mayor called on said property owner. No one was present on said property.

Selectman Ken Poole made the motion to declare said property blighted. 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: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve blighted property as public nuisance under Section Code 21-19-11 belonging to Ebony Morris, 40 Chandler St., Parcel 083B211B 0610100.

The Mayor called on said property owner. No one was present on said property.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to declare said property blighted. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea  
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea  
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Accreditation Officer Queenie Dean to attend an Accreditation Managers, Training, Officers and Assessors Summer Training Meeting June 18-19, 2024 in Biloxi, 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: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea  
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for approve travel for Police Chief Avery Cook to attend a 2024 MACP Summer Conference June 18-21, 2024 in Biloxi, MS.

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: Yea  
Selectman William Binder voted: Yea  
Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea  
Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Assistant Chief Michael Edwards to attend a 2024 MACP Summer Conference June 18-21, 2024 in Biloxi, 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: Yea

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Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Chief Water Treatment Operator Lawrence White to attend a MS Rural Water Association 2024 Annual Management and Technical Conference May 28-31, 2024 in Biloxi MS.

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: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon the Board to approve travel for Chief Wastewater Operator Shawn Doss to attend a MS Rural Water Association 2024 Annual Management and Technical Conference May 28-31, 2024 in Biloxi 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: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor next called upon department heads for reports.

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Emmanuel Vance as a non-certified full-time police officer.

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

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Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Lexus Ware as a certified part-time police officer.

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Shanta McNair as a certified part-time police officer.

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

Motion carried

Police Chief Avery Cook made a request to the Board to hire Laketa Williams as a certified part-time police officer.

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

Motion carried

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Utility Manage Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board for a pay increase for water treatment Operator LaDaniel Jenkins.

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

Motion carried

Utility Manage Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board to accept a letter of recommendation from Building Inspector Jeremy Klutts effective May 30, 2024.

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

Motion carried

Utility Manage Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board to advertise for the Building Inspector position.

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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Motion carried

Utility Manage Eddie Longstreet made a request to the Board to advertise for Journeyman Lineman position.

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

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Selectwoman Leta Turner voted: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted: Yea

Motion carried

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

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: Yea

Motion carried

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

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: Yea

Motion carried

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

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: Yea

Selectman William Binder voted: Yea

Selectman Ken Poole voted: Yea

Selectman Keith McBrayer: Yea

Motion carried

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There was no action taken in the executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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: Yea

Motion carried

Meeting Adjourned.

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor

  
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Deloris Doss, City Clerk



