DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN FOR THE CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI September 24, 2024

The Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi held a special called meeting the 24th Day of September 2024 at 5:30p.m. upstairs City Hall, 580 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were Mayor Rodrick "Rod" Bobo presiding. Selectman Willian Binder, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman Ken Poole, and Selectman Cole Bryan. Selectwoman Leta Turner was absent until agenda item 6. Also present were City Clerk Deloris Doss, CAO Randy Jones, and Deputy CAO Sherman Carouthers. City Attorney Orlando Richmond was absent.

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

The Mayor next called upon the Board to open a public hearing on proposed tax levies for the FY 2025 for City General Fund, City Debt Service Fund, City Library Fund, and the West Point Consolidated School District.

There were no comments or discussion from the public. The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve FY 2024 tax levy for General City to decrease from 31.8 Mills to 30.0 Mills.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Yea

Yea

Selectman Cole Bryan voted: Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve FY 2024 tax levy for City Debt Service to increase from 4.0 Mills to 4.9 mills.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman William Binder commented that the increase was due to the Urban Renewal Bond and Use Tax monies Fund.

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the FY 2025 Library fund to decrease from 1.25 Mills to 1.15 Mills

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

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The Mayor called upon the Board to approve a lease agreement with CSPIRE.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to approve CAO Randy Jones to execute the CSPIRE agreement upon approval from the City Attorney. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve the purchase of two (2) police cars.

Selectman William Binder made the motion to approve two (2) police cars along with authorizing the Mayor to negotiate with the company for the amount not to exceed \$29,000.00. Selectman Ketih McBrayer seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:AbsentSelectman William Binder voted:YeaSelectman Ken Poole voted:YeaSelectman Keith McBrayer:YeaSelectman Cole Bryan voted:Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to approve a temporary moratorium on pending privilege license for ABC stores and cannabis dispensaries.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor called upon the Board to conduct a joint meeting with EDD, county, and the Link. All parties attended. No action taken.

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to close the meeting for discussion economic development. Selectman Ken Poole seconded the motion.

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

Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to remain in executive session. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

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

Selectman Keith McBrayer made the motion to come out of executive session. 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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

The Mayor made a report to the public that no action was taken in executive session.

The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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:

Selectman William Binder voted:

Selectman Ken Poole voted:

Selectman Keith McBrayer:

Selectman Cole Bryan voted:

Yea

Yea

Yea

Motion carried

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Rodrick "Rod" Bobo, Mayor

Deloris Doss, City Clerk