

West Point, Mississippi Mayor and Board of Selectmen Minutes
Monthly Meeting - Tuesday, October 9, 2007

This is a regular called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi, held the 9th day of October 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 204 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Those members present were Mayor Scott Ross, Selectman Keith McBrayer, Selectman Marion "Bubba" Wilkerson, Selectman James Watson, Selectman John Cummings, and Selectman Linda Hannah.

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order. Selectman Keith McBrayer began the meeting with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance, which was led by City Clerk, Randy Jones.

Selectman James Watson **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the September, 2007, Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Selectmen. The motion received a second by Selectman Keith McBrayer.

Motion carried.

Selectman Keith McBrayer **made a motion** to approve the September 2007 claims docket and that the persons or firms be paid in the amount set forth. The motion received a second from Selectman John Cummings.

Motion carried.

The claims having been examined and found correct are hereby approved, and it is directed that warrants be issued in payment thereof.

The Mayor called on these individuals wishing to publicly address the Board. The only appearance was Valida Carmichael, who expressed a desire to limit parking on Commerce Street between Jordan Avenue and Main Street to 2 hours. See agenda item in new business.

Having determined no other indication of desire for public appearances, Mayor Ross then called for reports from those department heads present. Those presenting written reports were George Hinnant (Water & Light Department), Johnny Littlefield (Fire Department), Steve "Butch" Bingham (Police Department), Mike St. Louis (Building Department), City Attorney Orlando Richmond, and Randy Jones (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer).

There being no questions or comment to the department head reports or City Attorney, Mayor Ross proceeded with items of new business, and opened the announced public hearing for the application to rezone A-O property in the names of Lloyd C. Kellogg and Gary Turner to I-3 and requested public comment to the application.

Those who came forth to address the board were Mr. Rod Bobo and Ms. Alma Brown.

Following their comments, none expressing significant discord, and in the absence of any other written or otherwise dissenting views, the Mayor then closed the floor to public comment, and entertained a motion to approve the application to rezone the property in accordance with the application.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made **motion** to approve the application for rezoning from A-O to I-3.

Selectman James Watson seconded the motion. In the absence of further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote and the **motion carried**.

Mayor Ross then opened the floor for motion to adopt a resolution to authorize GTPDD to prepare application for CDBG grant funds for an industrial development prospect to be located in West Point, Mississippi.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made **motion** to adopt the aforementioned resolution. Selectman James Watson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross then proceeded to the next item on the agenda and entertained a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the City to commit funds to an economic development project to be located in the City of West Point.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made **motion** to adopt the resolution authorizing the City to commit funds to an

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economic development project. Selectman Linda Hannah seconded the motion.

Being no further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote.

Motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST POINT TO
COMMIT FUNDS OTHER THAN CDBG TO AN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER THE
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has funds available under the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program for cities, towns and counties to address housing, public facilities and economic development needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Point has specific community development needs and problems which can be corrected or alleviated by using grant funds under the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Point intends to leverage Community Development Block Grant funds with in-kind/force-account services for utility relocation in order to provide maximum use of the Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of West Point commits \$50,000 in the form of in-kind/force-account services for building renovations, to the total project, contingent upon approval of said project by the Mississippi Community Development Block Grant Program.

SO RESOLVED on this, the 9th day of October 2007, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of West Point, Mississippi in a regular Board Meeting.

CITY OF WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI

(Signature)

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

ATTEST:

(Signature)

Randy Jones, City Clerk

Mayor Ross then proceeded to the next item on the agenda and entertained a motion to adopt a resolution approving the purchase and sale agreement between the City of West Point and the B&W Company.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made **motion** to adopt the resolution authorizing the City to approve the purchase and sale agreement between the City of West Point and the Babcock & Wilcox Company. Selectman Linda Hannah seconded the motion.

Being no further discussion, Mayor Ross asked for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Marion Wilkerson	Aye
Selectman Linda Hannah	Aye
Selectman James Watson	Aye
Selectman John Cummings	Aye
Selectman Keith McBrayer	Aye

Motion carried to adopt the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION
Authorizing the Golden Triangle Planning and
Development District
to Prepare and Submit a
Community Development Block Grant Application
for the City of West Point, Mississippi**

WHEREAS, the City of West Point, Mississippi has certain pressing Economic and Community Development needs; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Development Authority has available funds under the FY-2007 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Point, Mississippi is eligible to apply for said CDBG assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District (GTPDD) has sufficient, experienced professional staff to prepare necessary application documents, and upon approval, to administer said CDBG projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Point:

- That the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District is hereby authorized to prepare an FY-2007 CDBG Economic Development Public Facilities Application on behalf of the City of West Point for infrastructure improvements for International; and
- That, upon approval of said application, the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District is hereby authorized to administer said CDBG Project; and
- That Scott Ross, in his official capacity as the Mayor of the City of West Point is hereby authorized to advertise and conduct required public hearings, and to sign all necessary documents, including Grant Agreements with the State of Mississippi, upon approval of said application by the Mississippi Development Authority.

SO ORDERED THIS THE 10th day of July 2007, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Point, Mississippi in a Regularly Scheduled Meeting.

(Seal)

(Signature)	(Signature)
Randy Jones	H. Scott Ross
City Clerk	Mayor

Mayor Ross then proceeded to the next item on the agenda and entertained a motion to approve the bid tabulations for tires and tubes and accept all bidders based on availability and lowest price.

Selectman James Watson made **motion** to approve the lowest bidders based on lowest price. Selectman Linda Hannah seconded the motion.

In the absence of further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote.

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross then proceeded to the next item on the agenda and tabled final approval on the quitclaim deed preparation pending completion of legal paperwork.

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quitclaim deed with right of reversion to the City for the old fire station on East Broad Street to be deeded to the County for refurbishment as Clay County's E911 center.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made **motion** to approve preparation of a quitclaim deed for the aforementioned property. Selectman James Watson seconded the motion.

In the absence of further discussion, the Mayor called for a vote.

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross then proceeded to the next item on the agenda and entertained a motion to approve restricting downtown parking on Commerce Street between Jordan Avenue and East Main Street to 2 hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Selectman James Watson made a **motion** to limit the parking as aforementioned. Selectman Marion Wilkerson seconded the motion.

In the absence of further discussion, Mayor Ross called for a vote.

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross then asked if there was need to close the regular meeting to enter into an executive session.

Selectman Keith McBrayer made **motion** to close the regular meeting and enter executive session. Selectman John Cummings seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Mayor Ross then asked for motion to remain in executive session.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made the **motion** to remain in executive session. Selectman James Watson seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Selectman Linda Hannah based on Recreation Director James Crowley's request to hire Craig Horrock as part time recreation assistant James Watson seconded the motion

Motion carried, with Selectment James Watson and Marion Wilkerson voting **Nay**.

Selectman James Watson made **motion** to come out of executive session. Selectman Keith McBrayer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After determining there was no need for further business, Mayor Ross asked for a motion to stand in recess.

Selectman Marion Wilkerson made **motion** to stand in recess. Selectman John Cummings seconded the motion.

Motion carried

(SEAL)

(Signature)

H. Scott Ross, Mayor

(Signature)

Randolph W. Jones, City Clerk