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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall April 13, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox  
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson stated Miss Aubree Brown was honorary Mayor for the day on Friday, April 10, 2015 and Miss Brown will join the panel for this meeting.

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Leonard Autry, Pilgrim Baptist Church for opening prayer.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall presented the March financial report with the April cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA**

Mayor Ferguson reviewed the listed agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

**PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS**

- **Valley Haven School Proclamation**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation naming the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 as Hike/Bike/Run Week in the City of West Point. Mayor Ferguson presented the proclamation to Don Cleveland, Lawrence Henry, and Councilmember Sandra Thornton. They thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

- **Keep Troup Beautiful Proclamation**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation naming Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to be designated as the “Great American Cleanup” for Keep Troup Beautiful in West Point, and call on all citizens to join in activities that promote responsible environmental stewardship. Mayor Ferguson presented the proclamation to Mr. Thomas Scott and Mrs. Michael Markle Andrews.

**MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR WEST POINT GROCERS AT 900 E 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for West Point Grocers at 900 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**

**MALT BEVERAGE, & WINE, APPLICATION FOR YOUNG’S GARDEN RESTAURANT AT 305 E 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an on premise malt beverage and wine license application for Doorione LLC dba Young’s Garden Restaurant at 305 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

**RESOLUTION ELECRIK CITIES GEORGIA AGREEMENT**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve Amendment number 1 the Intergovernmental Participant Contract among all participants representing participation in Electric Cities of Georgia and to approve the City Manager and/or the Mayor to execute such amendments. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously**.

**AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

Councilmember Benjamin Wilcox made a motion to amend the City’s Zoning Ordinance by amending section 4, 3 and 4.5 and re-number as shown General Residential District Regulations. Delete section 17, 10 definitions 17.1.6,7, &10 through 13 and re-number as shown Landscaping Requirements and Definitions in the QDC Overlay District. Create new chapter 22A with the deletions from Section 17 of QDC. The purpose of these text amendments is to improve the standards of which future developments within the City of West Point are held. They are intended to improve property values, visual aesthetics, air quality, and therefore improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of West Point. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; **carried unanimously**.

**ZONING REQUEST, WEST POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to amend the zoning map and ordinances of the city so as to classify the use zone of real estate to be annexed into the city located adjacent to Highland Dr. The zoning map and ordinances of the City of West Point be amended so as to classify as I-1 (light industrial district) Land Lot 320 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District of Harris County, Georgia containing ten (10) acres near Interstate 85 on the Chattahoochee River. Said parcel is also known as Harris County Tax Map parcel number 001-A-108. The property is owned by the City of West Point. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **carried unanimously**.

**ANNEXATION REQUEST, WEST POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to annex into the city located adjacent to Highland Dr. Land Lot 320 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District of Harris County, Georgia containing ten (10) acres near Interstate 85 on the Chattahoochee River. Said parcel is also known as Harris County Tax Map parcel number 001-A-108. The property is owned by the City of West Point. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell seconded the motion; **carried unanimously**.

**ZONING REQUEST, GEORGIA WELCOME CENTER**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to amend the City of West Point zoning map and ordinances as to classify as GCN (general commercial district) all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 281 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Land District of Harris County, Georgia, containing 21.3 acres, more or less, located on the east side of Interstate 85 and known as Harris County Tax map parcel number 001-A-100. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

**ANNEXATION REQUEST, GEORGIA WELCOME CENTER**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to annex twenty one (21.3) acres along Interstate 85 shortly after crossing the Chattahoochee River and the Alabama and Georgia State line be annexed into the City. The property is in land lot 281 in the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Harris County. Harris County tax map 001-A-100. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

**STREET NAME CHANGE**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution renaming Cleaveland Street to Cleveland Street. West Point residents have referred to and spelled Cleaveland Street as Cleveland Street for years. Changing the spelling to Cleveland will be in the best interest of the citizens of West Point. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

**CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES WEST POINT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve a contract for service with the West Point Library Association for the period from April 2015 through March 2016. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

**CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES CHAMBERS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve a contract for service with the Chambers County Library Board for the period from April 2015 through March 2016. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

**DOWNTOWN RIVER PARK**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve #1. Authorize the City Manager to engage an architect to design the renovation of the old fire station for the purpose of an event venue/public facilities/retail space #2. Authorize the City Manager to engage an architect to design a splash pad #3. Authorize the removal of all buildings and facilities on the site# 4. Authorize the removal of the city fueling station. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion about location of the Splash pad and whether to take the architect design for the splash pad out of the motion, Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion amending the first motion by removing #2 authorizing the City Manager to engage an architect to design a splash pad. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion. **The motion failed on a 2-4 vote. Council members Joseph R. Downs III and Sandra Thornton voted Yes. Council members Gerald W. Ledbetter, Gloria R. Marshall, Benjamin F. Wilcox and Steven M. Tramell voted No.**

Mayor Ferguson called for a vote to approve the original motion made by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall. **The motion; passed on a 5-1 vote. Council members Joseph R. Downs III, Gerald W. Ledbetter, Gloria R. Marshall, Steven M. Tramell, and Benjamin F. Wilcox voted Yes. Councilmember Sandra Thornton voted No.**

### **MEAG POWER RESOLUTION**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to authorize the Mayor, City manager, City Clerk, and City attorney to execute, attest and deliver the answer, verification and acknowledgment of Service of Petition and Complaint in the undertaking to validate certain changes to the bonds for the Plant Vogtle expansion project. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

### **PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to purchase three parcels of property located along 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The property will be purchased with Forward Funds for the purpose of encouraging development along 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The properties are parcel numbers 0943D013001 (901 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street) 0943D004005 (601 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street) and 0943D004004 (600 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street) totaling approximately 2 acres. The cost of the property is \$150,000. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign all documents associated with this transaction. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

### **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to appoint Debra Robertson to a four (4) year term on the Hawks Library Board. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Larry Duncan to a four (4) year term on the Hawks Library Board. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Trudye Johnson to a four (4) year term on the Municipal Planning Board. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Kevin Patrick to a four (4) year term on the Municipal Planning Board. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Joe Thompson to fill an unexpired term that expires 10-1-2016 on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

**OTHER**

Mayor Ferguson recognized Harris County Commissioner Jim Wood and thanked him for attending our meeting. He also invited everyone to the Youth Service event and the Southwest Georgia Pageant that will be held in West Point on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy  
City Clerk

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A. Drew Ferguson IV  
Mayor