



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 10, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Jackie Banks, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson 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 July 13, 2015 regular meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III presented the July financial report with the August cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

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

REFINANCE GAS SYSTEM BOND ORDINANCE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt an ordinance to refinance debt on the city natural gas system. The Ordinance is to approve execution and delivery of an amended and restated lease with The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and the acknowledgment of an amended and restated sale, assignment and transfer of certain rentals under the lease. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

FUNDING FOR PHASE II DOWNTOWN RIVER PARK

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the phase II improvements to the Downtown River Park Project in the amount of \$135,000. The funds will be used to complete the connector sidewalk from city hall to the park and for the construction of a boat ramp that will accommodate all type boats including motorized. The funds will be allocated from the Forward Fund. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR REHABILITATION OF THE VIRGINIA COOK BUILDING

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to give the City Manager the authority to issue a Request for Bids to completely renovate the Virginia Cook Building located at 806 MLK Drive. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

PROPERTY PURCHASE AT 313 EAST 10TH STREET

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve the purchase of a house and property located at 313 East 10th Street in the amount of \$140,000. The property will be used to expand the recreation area. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

OTHER

Mayor Ferguson acknowledged the presence of Harris County Commissioner Jim Wood. He also thanked Police Chief Tony Bailey, Fire Chief Milton Smith, A Few Good Men, Keeney Memorial Church, West Point Presbyterian Church, and all others who participated in the Back Pack Program to give school supplies to area children.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor