



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 11, 2014 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 Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Dr. Randy B. Kelley, Pastor Goodsell United Methodist Church for opening prayer.

Boy Scout, Anthony Lowe 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 14, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the July financial report with the August cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

MAYOR RECOGNIZED JIM WOOD

Mayor Ferguson congratulated Harris County Commissioner Jim Wood for winning his primary election for Harris County Commissioner. Mr. Wood will be unopposed in the November election.

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to amend the city’s sign ordinance. To change section 3.D (Materials) page 66 currently states, Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-density overlay (MDO) board. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the material and color of the building. This requirement does not apply to the Quality Development Corridor Overlay District (QDC). With the recommended changes Section 3.D will read Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-density overlay (MDO) board. Other high quality materials shall be given consideration. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the material and color of the building.

Materials (Downtown Historic District). Will change to Signs in the Downtown Historic District are held to a higher level of execution and should be unique and compliment the historic nature of the district. Permanent signs shall be made of high density urethane (HDU) with a minimum thickness of 1 inch or wood with a minimum thickness of ¾”. Signs may be painted directly on the building if they are professionally done. Other high quality material shall be given consideration. All signs must be approved by the Downtown District Sign Committee. It is recommended that material should not be ordered for the sign before obtaining approval. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

Other Comments

There were no other comments

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor