



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Pro Tem Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell called Mr. Franklin Stiggers, Pilgrim Baptist Church for opening prayer.

Fire Chief Milton Smith led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem thanked Jim Wood Commissioner from Harris County for attending the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the June financial report with the July 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 Pro Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to Appoint Luther Jones as the Public Defender for the West Point Municipal Court. This appointment will be from August 8, 2016 until the first City Council meeting in January 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

2016 MILLAGE RATE

Councilmember Sandra Thornton read a resolution and presented it in a form of a motion to adopt the 2016 Ad Valorem Tax levy for the City of West Point as follows:

Gross Levy as follows:	13.963 Mills
Local Option Sales Tax Credit	4.660 Mills
Effective Levy	9.303 Mills

City Tax for 2016 set at 9.303 Mills.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to surplus four used cubicles with combined work and storage areas, 8 desks, 13 assorted shelves and cabinets, and 22 assorted office chairs. The items will be sold on GovDeals.com. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT III

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to award Piedmont Paving Inc, as the low bid contractor for Transportation Enhancement Project III, PI Number 0010623. The award is for the Base Bid, Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 in the amount of \$719,139.10. The project will include portions of West 9th Street, West 8th Street and public parking lot east of 2nd Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

VIRGINIA COOK BUILDING PROPERTY

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to enter into a contract to purchase two parcels of property located in Troup County; Land Lot 277 of the Fifth Land District containing .13 acres the tax parcel number 094-4C-007-046 and land Lot 277 of the Fifth Land District containing .14 acres the tax parcel number is 094-4C-007-045. The property will be used as an accessory to the Virginia Cook Building. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

POINT UNIVERSITY RESIDENTS HALL

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve a request from Point University to dispose of certain right of way along West 10th Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue and 2nd Avenue between West 9th Street and West 11th Street. The City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to dispose of this right of way under O.C.G.A. 32-7-3 and 32-7-4. The City will sell the right of way at the appraised value. The City will maintain easements for utilities and other city purposes. The property will continue to operate as city streets until the property is disposed of. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

OTHER

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven M. Tramell recognized citizens who came to the aid of the Slaughter family during a recent storm in which a tree fell on a house resulting in the death of a child.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor Pro Tem