



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 9, 2013 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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

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

Mayor Ferguson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the November financial report with the December cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the items on the agenda. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

2014 BUDGET

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution adopting the Proposed 2014 Budget. The total of all funds for 2014 is \$20,380,268. The approved proposed 2014 City of West Point Budget will become effective January 1, 2014. Councilmember Gerald

W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

FOOD PROGRAM APPLICATION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve participation in the At-Risk Afterschool Snack Program to support the City of West Point Cares Program, to identify Monica Barber as the Principal that accepts full responsibility for the City of West Point's participation in the program and to appoint Monica Barber as Principal for City of West Point's participation in the program. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously.**

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve the City of West Point Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Training Program. The program will offer Emergency Medical Technician Basic, Advanced Emergency Medical technician, Paramedic, and other medical refresher, recertification and specialty classes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

ANNEXATION REQUEST BY HARRIS COUNTY

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to annex and rezone all tracts of land in Land Lot 172 of the fifth land district of Harris County parcel #006 036 totaling 126.986 acres owned by Harris County Development Authority from the existing zoning of residential/agricultural to the zoning of I-2 heavy industrial. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously.**

KNOLOGY UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to approve a utility/cable/conduit easement for permanent use by Knology Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter. **Councilmember Sandra Thornton abstained. The motion passed unanimously.**

KNOLOGY JOINT USE POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve a Joint Use Pole Attachment Agreement between the City of West Point and Knology Georgia that provides for the joint use of the respective utility poles within the service area located in the State of Georgia. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox. **Councilmember Sandra Thornton abstained. The motion passed unanimously.**

TROUP COUNTY SPLOST IV AMENDMENT

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve the First Amendment to Troup County SPLOST IV that reclassifies all projects to priority 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously**.

LITTERING & PARKING

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve an ordinance to restrict parking on 3rd Avenue between West 8th Street and West 9th Street on both sides of 3rd Avenue, 3rd Avenue between 9th Street and 10th Street on the west side of 3rd Avenue, West 9th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue on the North side of 9th Street. Parking will be limited to 2 hour parking between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously**

RESTRICT STREETS TO NO PARKING, STANDING OR STOPPING

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a resolution to restrict the following streets to no parking, standing or stopping and post the following streets with no littering signs. The streets are Kia Parkway between Kia Boulevard and Highway 18, Highway 18 between O.G. Skinner Drive and the south ramps of I85 (with GDOT approval), Webb Road from Kia Parkway to the city limit and Kia Boulevard from city limit to city limit and Safety Way from Kia Parkway to the dead end. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion and **passed unanimously**.

AMEND CODE ORDINANCE FINES FOR LITTERING

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to amend the city code so that any person found guilty of littering shall be penalized no less than \$500 for the first offence and \$1000 for each offense thereafter. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made seconded the motion and **passed unanimously**.

LIQUOR, MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE WEST POINT LIQUOR, INC. DBA BIG JOHNS

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off-premise consumption liquor, malt beverage and wine license for West Point Liquor, Inc. dba Big Johns located at 901 Avenue B. Theresa Carroll Garcia, Manager. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion and **passed unanimously**.

REAL ESTATE SALES AGREEMENT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a real estate sales agreement between the City of West Point and Bujrang LLC for the purchase of property in Land Lot 283 of the 5th Land District of Troup County Georgia containing 1.335 acres for the price of \$450,000. The property will be used for Phase II of the West Point Recreation improvements and will contain a free play field for non-programmed use. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion and **passed unanimously**.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor