



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 14, 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 Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter 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 October 12, 2015 regular meeting. The motion was made by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **passed unanimously**.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall presented the November financial report with the December cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **passed unanimously**.

**AGENDA**

Mayor Ferguson reviewed the listed agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

### **2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve the 2016 City of West Point Budget which includes General Fund Budget \$6,339,029, Sanitation \$488,344 Emergency 911 \$95,037, SPLOST \$1,481,775 Water and Sewer \$3,899,000, Electric \$6,328,801, Gas \$1,595,814. The total City of West Point 2016 budget is \$20,227,800. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

### **HARRIS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2015-2020**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a resolution for the Harris County Mitigation Plan Update for 2015-2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

### **BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Jane Fuller and Marshall Sapp to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Aaron Lewis II to the Planning Board. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Kevin Patrick to the West Point Development Authority Board. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion. During discussion Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to amend the original motion to appoint Dee Dee Williams to the West Point Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III. **The amendment motion failed on a 2 to 4 vote Council members Sandra Thornton and Joseph R. Downs III voted Yes. Councilmembers Marshall, Ledbetter, Tramell, and Wilcox voted No.** Mayor Ferguson asked for a vote on the original motion to appoint Kevin Patrick to the West Point Development Authority Board. **The motion passed on a 4 to 2 vote with Councilmembers Marshall, Ledbetter, Tramell, and Wilcox voted Yes. Council members Downs and Thornton voted No.**

### **ELECTRIC CITIES OF GEORGIA VOTING DELEGATES**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Ed Moon the primary voting delegate for the ECG Board of Directors and Sammy Inman as the alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HARRIS COUNTY**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the Harris County Board of Commissioners for the maintenance of certain road right-of-ways within the North West Harris County Business Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

**POWERTECH BOND**

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to approve a bond agreement with Powertech America Inc. The bond will provide \$40,000,000 to the company that will be invested in the Powertech Facility in West point and create 25 new Jobs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

**PURCHASING CARD POLICY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to approve a Purchasing Card Policy for the City of West Point Elected Officials. The policy sets certain procedures that are required to be in place by January 1, 2016 by the Georgia General Assemble. The City of West Point Elected Officials are not issued City Purchasing Cards or Credit Cards and the current city policies will remain in place in concurrence with this new regulation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

**OTHER**

Mayor Ferguson congratulated City of West Point Administrative Assistant, Kristin Lester for graduating from Point University with a BS Degree in Organizational Leadership.

Chief Bailey asked for volunteers for the Bagging Toys for the Salvation Army event taking place on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1706 Shorewood Drive in LaGrange at 9:00am. The toys for West Point residence will be brought back to West Point will be distributed on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to needed families.

**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