



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 8, 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 Captain Monica Nickum, Troup County Salvation Army for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson thanked Ms. Nickum for working with the Salvation Army to help thirty eight families totaling over 80 children from West Point with Christmas gifts this year.

Fire Chief Milton Smith 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 November 10, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton 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 November financial report with the December cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation for First Baptist Church of West Point

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III read a Proclamation commemorating 165 years of existence of the First Baptist Church of West Point. Councilmember Downs presented the proclamation to Dr. Tom Tucker, Pastor of the First Baptist Church.

PROJECT RIVER

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding agreement between the Development Authority of Harris County, Georgia, LLC, the Board of Tax Assessors of Harris County, Harris County School District and an unnamed company. (To be announced after all agreements are signed) The project is a 310,080 square foot manufacturing assembly center operating in the Northwest Business Park within the City of West Point. The Company shall have the goal of providing up to two hundred full-time jobs within thirty-six months from the date of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or the anticipated start date of September 1, 2015 whichever occurs first. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter **passed unanimously**.

2015 BUDGET

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution adopting the Proposed 2015 Budget. The General Fund is \$6,757,262, Water & Sewer, \$3,741,982, Electric \$6,059,632, Gas \$1,547,319 and Sanitation \$466,450 operating budget totaling \$18,572,645, plus Emergency 911 \$94,337, SPLOST \$1,336,100, total budget \$20,003,082. The approved proposed 2015 City of West Point Budget will become effective January 1, 2015. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously**.

Other Comments

Mayor Ferguson stated the lighting of the City of West Point Christmas Tree will be Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm. The Valley wide Christmas parade will begin following the lighting of the tree.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor