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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 8, 2016 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 Steven M. Tramell

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Leonard Autry with Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lanett, Alabama 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 January 11, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall presented the January financial report with the February 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 Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously**.

**MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint a Municipal Court Solicitor. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Mark Carlton as the City of West Point Municipal Court Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

**GEORGIA MUNICIPAL BENEFIT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an ordinance and adopt an agreement of the Georgia Municipal Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan to allow the City Manager to participate in the plan effective February 8, 2016. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to amend the City Retirement Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

**OTHER**

Mayor Ferguson recognized Springwood Girls Basketball are undefeated State Champs.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announce Cedric Alexander as the speaker for the Black History Program, Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM, West Point Gymnasium.

**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