



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 9, 2015 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
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Dr. Randy B. Kelley, Pastor Goodsell United Methodist Church for opening prayer.

Dr. Kelley gave a report on this year's Juneteenth Celebration. The event is held on the ground of Goodsell United Methodist Church. Dr. Kelley stated this year the committee will expand and have some the events in West Point.

Chief Tony Bailey 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 12, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; 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 Benjamin F. Wilcox and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson requested a report from the City Manager about the Knox Box ordinance to be added to the agenda. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

KNOX BOX UPDATE

City Manager Ed Moon stated staff had work through the issue of attaching the Knox Box requirement to business licenses. All license applications that have met all requirements other than the purchase of the Knox Box will be mailed out on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. The City Staff will work on ways to bring the remaining business in compliance with the Knox Box ordinance.

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Ed Moon to serve a 3-year term as a member of the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

Councilmember Steven M. Trammell made a motion to appoint Michael Markel Andrews to serve a 3-year term as a member of the Keep Troup Beautiful Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**

MONUMENT SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to amend the Code of the City; to amend the sign regulations of the zoning ordinance so as to allow variable message and monument signs within commercial and industrial zoning districts to establish size and change rate of such signs; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix and effective date; and for other purposes in Section 19.3.C. (1) to add Signs that utilize the electronic message option shall internally illuminate only the message part of the sign which shall not exceed 50 percent of the size of the sign. In Section 19.3.C (11) Electronic display area shall be no more than 50 percent of the square footage of the sign. The sign shall display static messages only and static copy shall change no more frequently than once every (90) seconds. Sign shall not have fade transitions, animation, video or similar subtle transitions or frame effects that have the appearance of moving text or images. Signs are limited to one background color and one text color. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously**.

**MALT BEVERAGE, WINE, & LIQUOR APPLICATION K-TOWN WINGS,IND
DBA KIM'S RESTAURANT AT 906 AVENUE E.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for K-Town Wings, Inc. dba Kim's Restaurant at 906 Avenue E. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously**.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 63

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox read a resolution in support of Senate Bill 63 in the form of a motion to adopt the resolution. The governing authority of the City of West Point recognizes the economic impact of breweries and related industries, and seeks to promote tourism relating to craft breweries. Senate Bill 63 seeks to modernize Georgia's laws relating to breweries, all in order to both support current craft breweries and also attract new investment to the industry and so ordained, the governing authority conveys its endorsement of Senate Bill 63 of the 2015 Georgia General Assembly.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Black History Program will be Tuesday, February 24th, 2015 6:00 p.m. at West Point Gymnasium. The speaker will be Valarie Glaze form Fairburn, GA.

City Planner Sammy Osborne announced February 26, 27, & 28 will be the dates for the Community Playground Build project. He was asking for volunteers to help build the playground.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor