



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 13, 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 Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Tom Tucker, First Baptist Church West Point, for opening prayer.

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 December 9, 2013 regular meeting and the December 16, 2013 called meeting. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the December financial report with the January 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 stated Councilmember Sandra Thornton asked to add a letter from Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall to the listed agenda. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and **passed unanimously**.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Ferguson administered the oath of office to re-elected Council members Joseph R. Downs III, Gloria R. Marshall and Councilmember elect Steven M. Tramell.

MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2014. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Kenneth S. Rearden as City Recorder Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Julian A. Mack as Prosecuting Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Mark Carlton as Public Defender. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously.**

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED CITY OFFICERS

Mayor Ferguson administered the oath of office to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and City Attorney Jeffery M. Todd.

City Attorney Jeffery M. Todd administered the oath of office to Municipal Court Judge Wesley Leonard, City Recorder Pro-Tempore Kenneth D. Rearden, Prosecuting Attorney Julian Mack, and Public Defender Mark Carlton.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2013 Budget originally adopted to reflect the actual total revenues and

expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2013. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

TROUP COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to approve a resolution to approve the actions of Troup County in seeking legislation and ask for the assistance of the West Point legislative delegation in an effort to abolish the Troup County Airport Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously**.

RESOLUTION FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS FOR DYMOS OF GA, EIP FUNDED

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve a resolution to award a contract to United Grading & Excavating, Inc of East Point, Georgia in the amount of \$350,185.66 with additions to increase pipe size from 10-inch to 12-inch and to decrease construction time from 90 days to 60 days for water system improvements, Dymos of Georgia project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton read a letter from Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall thanking the Mayor and Council for their visits, telephone calls, prayers and words of expressions during the death of her sister Mrs. Marilyn Ramsey Brock. She also thanked Chief Jeffery Cato and the Police Department for the food tray.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor