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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 12, 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 Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter, for opening prayer.

Carson Cagle 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 December 8, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the December financial report with the January 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 seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox and **passed unanimously**.

**MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2015. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **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 Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

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

Councilmember Steven M. Trammell 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 Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Mark Carlton as Public Defender. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **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.

Mayor Ferguson thanked them for their willingness to serve and the service they provide to the citizen of West Point.

**TROUP COUNTY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Councilmember Steven M. Trammell made a motion to approve a resolution in which The Constitution of the State of Georgia grants the General Assembly the authority to by local law create Community Improvement Districts. The City of West Point by passing this resolution endorses the introduction of a local act to the 2015 Session of the General Assembly authorizing the local governments of Troup County Georgia to exercise the power to create Community Improvement Districts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

### **QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall read a resolution in the form of a motion to approve to fix the fees for 2015 Municipal Elections as required by state law. The fee to qualify for the office of Mayor is \$153.00 and the fee to qualify for City Council is \$90.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

### **2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2014 Budget to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2014. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously**.

### **MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE FOR SHELL FOOD MART**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for Radhe Shyam 1 LLC dba Shell Food Mart, 1000 Avenue E. The owner Jayshree A. Patel. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**.

### **BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Josh Moon to serve a 5-year term as a member of the West Point Development Authority Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously**.

### **OTHER**

Mayor Ferguson stated the Mayor and Council retreat will take place Friday, January 16th at Callaway Gardens. Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Martin Luther King Breakfast will be January 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am at Bethlehem Baptist Church in West Point.

### **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