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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 14, 2013 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 Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Donnie Brown, Shawmut United Methodist Church, for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson asked everyone attending the meeting to join him in wishing Councilmember Sandra Thornton Happy Birthday.

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 10, 2012 regular 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 Judy Wilkinson 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 asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously**.

## **RESOLUTION FOR CITY RETIREE LARRY DOUGLAS**

Mayor Ferguson read a resolution and presented it to Larry Douglas for thirty five years of service. Larry Douglas retired December 31, 2012 from the Street Department.

## **PROCLAMATION FOR MALINDA POWERS, HPC**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Malinda Powers for her years of service and the time she freely gave to support the Historic Preservation Committee.

## **RECOGNIZE THOMAS SCOTT ON BEHALF CITY OF HAMILTON**

Mayor Ferguson recognized Director of Street and Sanitation, Thomas Scott for the work and support he and his employees gave to City of Hamilton during the recent tornado that caused damage in the county.

## **DEPOT FEES**

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made a motion to adopt the Facility Fee Schedule for the Depot with the amendments of \$100.00 pay for the attendant and eight hours only rentals for Saturdays. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **carried unanimously**.

## **MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2013. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to nominate Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously**. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox by acclamation motion **carried unanimously**.

## **APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge, Kenneth D. Rearden as Recorder Pro-Tempore, Julian A. Mack as Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffery Todd as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffery Todd as City Attorney, and Mark Carlton as Public Defender for the City of West Point by acclamation motion **carried unanimously**.

## **SWEARING IN OF ELECTED CITY OFFICERS**

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

## **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2012 Budget originally adopted to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2012. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

## **ESTABLISH QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox read a resolution in a form of a motion establishing qualifying fees for the 2013 Municipal Election. The qualifying fee for the office of Council Member is ninety \$90.00 and \$117.00 for Mayor. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson seconded motion **carried unanimously.**

## **CLOSURE OF AVENUE D**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to pass a resolution to closed the section of Avenue D that runs between the old West Point High School building and the gymnasium. The closing of the street will allow an additional 65 parking spaces and three handicap parking for the public. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

## **ANTI LITEM NOTICE**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to deny an Anti Litem Notice submitted on behalf of Kathy Wolf. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

## **ELECTRIC CITIES OF GEORGIA PARTICIPANT CONTRACT**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt a resolution to approve an intergovernmental contract between the City of West Point and Electric Cities of Georgia Inc. The contract allows the City of West Point to receive Services from Electric Cities of Georgia that will provide more long term stability respecting each independent service and more flexibility to improve existing services over time and develop new services while protecting the participant's right and option respecting the services as much as

practicable. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously.**

**OTHER**

Mayor Ferguson reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast held by Lambda Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 8:00 -10:00 a.m.

**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