



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 11, 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
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III 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 December 14, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall 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 Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED CITY OFFICERS

City Attorney Jeffery M. Todd administered the oath of office to Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV.

Mayor Ferguson administered the oath of office to Council members Sandra Thornton, Benjamin Wilcox, and Gerald Ledbetter.

MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2016. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Councilmember Steven M. Tramell. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

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

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint a Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III asked the Mayor to table the appointment. Mayor Ferguson tabled the item without objection for council.

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously**.

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

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Mark Carlton as Public Defender. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously**.

SWEARING IN OF CITY ATTORNEY & ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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

2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2015 Budget to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2015. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**.

REZONING ORDINANCE FOR 222.5 ACRES ON HWY 103

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to approve a resolution rezoning parcel number 006 065 which lies in land lots 178 and 225 of the 5th District of Harris County and is composed of 222.5 acres from the current zoning of R-1A (low density residential) to MXD-1 (missed use commercial/residential). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

OTHER

Mayor Ferguson thanked Harris County Commissioner Wood and City of LaGrange Councilmember Norma Tucker for attending the meeting..

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor