



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 14, 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 Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter for opening prayer.

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell 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 June 9, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the June financial report with the July 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 Sandra Thornton made said motion and Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - CHURCHES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to amend the city's zoning ordinance to remove the condition of Council approval from the use of land as a church; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION CHIP 2014 POLICY & PROCEDURES

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to adopt the Policies, Procedures, and Written Rehabilitation Standards developed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the 2014 CHIP Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City applied for and was awarded a \$204,000.00 Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) grant for housing rehabilitation assistance to a minimum of (5) five units and twelve (12) qualified very low-income persons in the city limits of West Point. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTION CHARTER COMMUNICATION POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to authorize the City Manager to provide Charter Communication with the required written notice of termination of Agreement to be effective January 18, 2015. The current agreement has been in place since January, 2000 at \$6.00 per pole as rent for the use of the City's poles. In accordance with Article XVI (b) the renewal terms provide for either party to provide to the other party six (6) months notice in writing prior to expiration of the initial term to terminate this agreement. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR NEW/UNUSED FIRE TRUCK/PUMPER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to accept Williams Fire Apparatus representing Sutphen Corporation located in Amlin, OH bid of \$392,697.00 for the New Fire Truck. The funds will come from allocated Harris County SPLOST of \$350,000 for firefighting equipment. The remaining \$42,697.00 will come from the Fire Station Donations Reserve funds. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

DASH LAND DONATION .41 ACRES

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve and accept the donation of .41 acres of land from DASH. DASH will close on the property located off pear Street on Tuesday of next week. The time line for beginning construction of the apartments is the fall of 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

Other Comments

Mayor Ferguson commented on the prayer vigil that was held Friday, July11, 2014 at Pilgrim Baptist Church. The purpose of the vigil was to bring the community together in prayer for a 16 year old shooting victim and the increase of violence in the community. Mayor Ferguson stated the vigil was very well attended and the community is committed and unified to work on solutions to make the streets safe from violence and crime. He also stated he look forward to partnering with the group in finding ways to improve the quality of life for all citizens in the area.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor