



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 11, 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 Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Mayor Ferguson called Father Antoo G. Alappat of the Holy Family Catholic Church 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 February 14, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the February financial report with the March cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously.**

CERTIFICATE FOR POLICE CHIEF CATO

Councilmember Sandra Thornton read a certificate from St. James Church honoring Chief Jeffrey Cato for his contribution to the citizen of our community during a Black History Celebration on February 21, 2013. Councilmember Sandra Thornton was also awarded a certificate. Chief Jeffrey Cato is the first African American appointed Chief of Police in the City of West Point. Councilmember Sandra Thornton was recognized for her many years serving as a city council member.

RESOLUTION DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made a motion to pass a resolution declaring the City of West Point official intent to issue revenue bonds in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$22,545,000 to refund certain outstanding bonds and obligations of the city related to its Water and Sewer System. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; motion **carried unanimously**.

AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL POLICY

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve amendments to the City of West Point Personnel Policy:

- 1. Page 11-3.5 Reemployment delete section 3.5.3
- 2. Page 20-5.7 Workers Compensation added to this section will be the statement “the employee has 24 hours after the injury to file”
- 3. Page 40-7.5 Standards of Conduct correction change 3.5.3 to 7.5.1
- 4. Page 44-8.1.2 Adverse Acton change all sections. Sections changed to state “will be determined by the City Manager or Director”

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; motion **carried unanimously**.

COMMUNITY ACTON FOR IMPROVEMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve a lease agreement between the City of West Point and Community Action for Improvement “CAFI” The agreement will allow CAFI to continue the use of the City building located 1004 E 11th Street parcel number 094-30-002-013. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; motion **carried unanimously**.

HAWKES LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Michael Markel Andrew and Monica Barber to the Board of Trustees of Hawks Library. Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson seconded the motion; motion **carried unanimously**.

AMUSEMENT DEVICES ORDINANCE

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to amend the Business Regulations Chapter of the City of West Point ordinance in order to modify the number of bona fide coin-operated amusement machines at a location within the city pursuant to State law; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to fix an effective date; and for other purposes. Sec. 6-327 will change the number of bona fide coin-operated amusement machines that an establishment can operate in the City from (3) three to (9) nine in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 16-12-35(d)(1)(B), (C) or both at the same location. After a hearing, the mayor and council may, upon consideration of the nature and character of the business at issue, waive the applicability of this provision to an individual location. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; motion **carried unanimously**.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

City Attorney Jeffery Todd read the second reading of an ordinance for the Mayor and Council to amend the City's Charter Section 14, regarding election of officers, in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 14 that reads "Sec. 14. Election of City Officers. At the first regular meeting of the mayor and council of said city in January of each year, they shall elect a municipal court judge, a recorder pro tempore, and a city attorney. Each of said officers shall take such oath, give such bond, receive such salary and perform such duties as the mayor and city council may prescribe."

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of West Point Charter Section 14, regarding election of officers, delete in its entirety, inserting in lieu thereof a new Section 14 that reads "Sec. 14. Election of City Officers. At the first regular meeting of the mayor and council of said city in January of each year, they shall elect a municipal court judge, a recorder pro tempore, and a city attorney. Each of said officers shall take such oath, give such bond, receive such salary and perform such duties as the mayor and city council may prescribe." Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion; motion seconded by Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson; motion **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor