



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III

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

Chief Tony Bailey 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 February 9, 2015 regular meeting. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2015 Executive Session. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall presented the February financial report with the March 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 reviewed the listed agenda and added an Ante Litem Notice from Kanner & Pinaluga, P.A. Accident Attorneys representing Lashantrice Davidson. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2013 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM LEAD INSPECTOR/RISK ASSOR

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve Home Diagnostic Solutions, LLC as contractor for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION 2013 HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM ENERGY AUDIT SERVICE PROVIDER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. as contractor for the lead risk assessment services. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **carried unanimously.**

MALT BEVERAGE, & WINE, APPLICATION PRIME TIME RESTAURANT AT 724 3RD AVENUE.

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for Prime Time Restaurant at 724 3rd Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously.**

DIVERSE POWER TOWER SITE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a lease agreement between the City of West Point and Diverse Power Incorporated for the lease of City property for the purpose of locating a communication tower, antennas and related facilities and give the mayor the authority to sign the agreement once a final draft is received. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **carried unanimously.**

CHARTER POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to approve a pole attachment agreement between the City of West Point and Marcus Cable Associates LLC d/b/a Charter Communications for the purpose of regulating the use of city utility poles and give the mayor the authority to finalize the property purchase and sign all documents related to the purchase of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION BOB HICKS & HPC PLAQUE

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation recognizing Mr. Robert Hicks for his devoted service to the City of West Point and surrounding communities. Mr. Hicks served as the Vice Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee. Mayor Ferguson presented the

proclamation to his wife Cassandra Hicks. Mrs. Hicks stated Bob Hicks loved working with the Historic Preservation Committee and he loved the people. Larry Duncan presented Mrs. Hicks with a plaque from the Historic Preservation Committee for Mr. Robert Hicks many years of service.

ANTE LITEM NOTICE Lashantrice Davidson v City of West Point

City Attorney Jeffrey Todd stated his recommendation to the Mayor and Council is to deny the Ante Litem Notice from Lashantrice Davidson. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to deny the Ante Litem Notice from Kanner & Pinaluga, P.A. Accident Attorneys representing Lashantrice Davidson. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell motion **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton extended condolences to the Dozier and Marshall family for the death of Councilmember Gloria Marshall sister who passed last week. Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked everyone for making the Black History Program a success. She also reminded everyone of the Hospital Fashion Show that is taking place tomorrow at the Depot.

- **Executive Session**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to inter into executive session to discuss the purchase of land and property. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell motion **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting back into session. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract to purchase the property located at 206 W. 9th Street upon reaching an agreement about the parking surrounding the building. The purpose of the property will be for the use of a police station. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall **carried unanimously**.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor