



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Conference room of West Point Technology Building 1122 O.G. Skinner Drive May 12, 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:

Boy Scout, Nathan Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ferguson called Minister Pat Beatty, LTM Movement Ministries 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 April 14, 2014 regular meeting. Councilmember Gloria Marshall made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the April financial report with the May 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 added Jim Wood to the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

Jim Wood

Mr. Jim Wood stated he was a candidate for the Troup County Commission. He thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to come before them and asked for their support. Mayor Ferguson thanked Mr. Wood for his statements.

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

- **Rebecca Cotney Proclamation**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Rebecca Cotney thanking her for her many years of service to the Hawkes Library. Rebecca Cotney retired on April 30, 2014 with over 21 years of service.

E. Drexel Meadors representing the West Point Library Association presented a resolution to Rebecca Cotney thanking her for service as Librarian for the Hawkes Library.

BOND ORDINANCE

Mr. Jon Pannell gave an overview of the water and sewer proposed bonds to refinance the GEFA loans. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an ordinance to issue the Series 2014 Bonds in the principal amount of approximately \$7,850,000 for the purposes of payment in full of Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Loans. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion three members to the West Point Board of Adjustments, Donald Cleveland to a three year term, Phillip McClellan to a two year term and Tammy Ledbetter to a one year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously. Councilmember Gerald R. Ledbetter abstained.**

Council Member Gerald R. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint four members to the Hawkes Library Board, E. Drexel Meadors, Frances Reeves, Monica Barber, and Elizabeth Lester. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously.**

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an on premise malt beverage and wine license application for Pizza Villa, 772 3rd Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Steven M. Tramell; **passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve an off premise malt beverage and wine license application for West Point Corner Store LLC, 607 4th Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**.

CHURCH APPLICATION APPROVAL LTM MOVEMENT MINISTRIES

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve LTM Movement Ministries request to locate a Church at 804 3rd Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS RESIDENTIAL RECREATION FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to amend the city's zoning requirement to institute a staging or construction timetable for developer performance of recreational amenities to fix an effective date and for other purposes. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

ANTE LITEM NOTICE

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to deny a request for payment of \$1 million dollars filed by the Wright Legal Group representing Mr. Calvin Williams. Councilmember Gerald seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

MARSEILLES CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to amend the city's rules and regulations in Marseilles Cemetery that will allow markers to be made of bronze, granite and other suitable material approve by the city. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

AGREEMENT FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve an agreement with the City of LaGrange to provide water and sewer services to newly annexed portions of the City of LaGrange. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

GAS PORTFOLIO IV

Councilmember Steven M. Tramell made a motion to enter into a supplemental contract with the Municipal Gas Authority for the long-term financing of gas supplies through the issuance of municipal debt. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT DEPOT PARKING LOT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the City of West Point and the Downtown West Point Development Authority for the purpose of acquiring the Depot Parking Lot property from the West Point Visitors Center and Depot Board. Councilmember Steven M. Trammell seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

DONATION AGREEMENT FOR TPL PARK LAND

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to enter into a land donation agreement with the Trust For Public Land for acquisition for certain tracts of property along the Chattahoochee River to provide for passive park space and permanently protect the land from development. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

NEW POLICE CHIEF

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Tony Bailey as the West Point Police Chief effective June 2, 2014. Mr. Bailey has served in public safety for the past 20 years, serving the past six as a part of the command staff for the Acworth Police Department. He is an honor graduate from Mountain State University and holds a Master of Science degree in Strategic Leadership and Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the FBI-National Academy, session 242, Chiefs Executive Training through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Professional Management Program through the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College at Columbus State University. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor