



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 14, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Pro Tem Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

The following public hearing was held prior to opening the Council meeting for business:

Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed 2017 City of West Point Budget. Key elements of the 2017 Proposed Budget will include 2% COLA, (2) Police vehicles, Police Camera System, City Software System, and retire Depot debt. There will be no Water, Sewer, Electric, or Gas rate increases. Total operating budget will be \$19.4 million dollars. Total Budget \$20.5 million dollars.

There were no comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell called Minister Mary Boykin of Community Baptist Church for opening Payer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven M. Tramell led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem thanked Jim Wood Commissioner from Harris County, and Randy Dowling Harris County Manager for attending the meeting. He also thanked Troup County Commissioners Ellis Cadenhead, Patrick Crews, and Lewis Davis for their attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the October financial report with the November cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX EXPENDITURES AGREEMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell asked for a motion to enter into an agreement with the LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce that will direct the expenditures of the West Point Hotel Motel Tax to provide for the promotion of tourism, conventions and trade shows within the city limits of West Point. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PHASE III NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO P.F. MOON & COMPANY

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve a resolution awarding P.F. Moon and Company a sewer main construction project to provide service to Daesol Int. LLC located in the Harris County Business Park. The project was advertised and bids were open on November 8, 2016. P.F. Moon provided the low bid of \$166,000. G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers the city's consulting engineer recommends awarding the bid to P.F. Moon. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

HIRING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve the City Managers recommendation of Dennis Dutton to serve as the City of West Point Community Development Director. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION FOR WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell asked for a motion to adopt a Proclamation declaring November 17 as “World Pancreatic Cancer Day” in the City of West Point. Approximately 1,090 deaths will occur in Georgia in 2016 and estimated 418,451 new pancreatic cancer cases diagnosed worldwide in 2020. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

OTHER

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter asked for the community to join the Council in extending their condolences to Councilmember Joseph R. Downs and his family for the death of his mother Mrs. Ruth Downs.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor Pro Tem