



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 14, 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 Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Randy B. Kelley, Goodsell United Methodist Church for opening prayer.

Mayor Ferguson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 regular meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox presented the September financial report with the October cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the items on the agenda. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and **passed unanimously.**

**PROCLAMATION GEORGIA STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR MATTHEW WHITE W.P. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Mr. Matthew White for being named the 2013 Georgia State Firefighters Association Rookie of the Year. Mr.

White is a certified paramedic, NPQ Firefighter I & II, NPQ Hazmat A & O. He is employed with the City of West Point Fire Department.

PROCLAMATION TROUP COUNTY VALOR AWARDS PUBLIC SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR DETECTIVE CASEY FULLER, W.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Mr. Casey Fuller for receiving the Troup County 2013 Valor Awards Public Safety Person of the Year. Mr. Casey Fuller is a Detective with the City of West Point Police Department.

PROCLAMATION JENNIFER SCHRADER LAGRANGE DAILY NEWS

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Ms. Jennifer Shrader for reporting the various City of West Point news stories over the past several years. Mayor Ferguson stated Ms. Shrader performed her duties with the highest standards of professionalism. Ms. Shrader is a reporter with the LaGrange Daily News. She has accepted a job in Kingston, North Carolina as Managing Editor of the local paper.

SOLID WASTE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve city staff to move forward with advertising and collecting bids to outsource solid waste collection in the city through a Solid Waste Request for Proposals. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; motion **passed unanimously**

GAS HEDGING RESOLUTION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the hedging of natural gas through the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; motion **passed unanimously**.

EASEMENT RESOLUTION FOR DYMOS PROJECT UTILITIES

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a request for license agreement and non-exclusive easement for utility locations to provide services to the Hyundai Dymos Facility. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall seconded the motion; motion **passed unanimously**.

GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR EIP GRANT-WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing and supporting an application for a 2013 Federal Employment Incentive program Grant in the Amount of \$500,000 to provide water improvements for the Hyundai

Dymos Facility. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **motion passed unanimously.**

GRANT APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR ONE GEORGIA EQUITY FUND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing and supporting an application for a 2013 State OneGeorgia equity grant application in the Amount of \$500,000 to provide sewer improvements for the Hyundai Dymos Facility. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter seconded the motion; **motion passed unanimously.**

LIQUOR, MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an On-Premise Consumption Malt Beverage and Wine License to RaJeeni Bailey at 734 3rd Avenue, Prime Time Restaurant. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an Off-Premise Consumption Malt Beverage, Wine, and Liquor License to Amarijit Singh Gondara at 403-B 3rd Avenue, West Point Spirits. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

OTHER

Mayor Ferguson stated Early voting runs from October 14 through November 1 from 8 am to 5 pm at the specified location below. Election day will be Tuesday, November 5 with polls open from 7 am to 7 pm. Seven candidates are vying for three seats on the West Point Council: Joseph R. Downs III (incumbent), Thyran Demarcus Heard, Harry C. Hudson, Gloria Ramsey Marshall (incumbent), Willie B. McCarden, Sejuana N. Scroggins and Steven Trammell. The seats are selected At Large. The Greater Valley Chamber will hold a forum on October 22 at the West Point Depot at 7 pm; all citizens are encouraged to attend to learn more about these candidates.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor