



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 12, 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell called Gerald W. Ledbetter for opening prayer.

Devin Cushing, Boy Scout Troop # 9003 led the Pledge of allegiance.

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

MINUTES

Mayor Pro Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Gloria Marshall made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter presented the July financial report with the August 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 Pro Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously.**

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Council Member Sandra Thornton made a motion to declare certain property surplus. Includes 2003 Dodge 1500 pickup, 11 assorted monitors, 7 assorted televisions, 2 video monitors, 7 VCR's, 1 multiplexer for video recordings, 10 assorted printers, 6 assorted computer keyboards, 2 microwaves. The property will be auctioned on govdeals.com or destroyed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria Marshal; **passed unanimously.**

AMEND AND RESTATE GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT

Council Member Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve the amended and restated gas supply contract. The Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia has requested all 77 members to pass a resolution to amend the Gas Supply Contract that will make each members ability to bring legal grievances against the authority/themselves more difficult. The City finds that it is in its best interest to contract with the Gas Authority and to amend the contract with the Gas Authority for the purchase of its gas supply. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter; **the motion passed 5-1 vote, Councilmember Benjamin Wilcox voted No.**

OTHER

Mr. Ed moon stated Georgia EPD Declares Level 1 Drought Response, Encourages Water Conservation. Persistent dry conditions have prompted the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to declare a Level 1 Drought Response in 53 counties including West Point. A Level 1 Drought Response declaration means local water utilities in the affected counties will be required to begin a public information campaign to help citizens better understand drought, its impact on water supplies and the need for water conservation. "Water utilities have already taken action to ensure that water supplies are generally good and practicing effective water conservation will help provide sufficient supplies through the coming months if dry conditions persist," said EPD Director Dunn. The public information campaign under a Level 1 Drought Response requires both groundwater and surface water utilities to circulate drought and water conservation information in one or more of the following: newspaper advertisements, water bill inserts, website homepages, social media and notices posted in public libraries. In addition, the outdoor water use schedule required under the Water Stewardship Act of 2010 remains in place statewide. This schedule allows outdoor water use year-round between 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. There are several exceptions, such as new plantings, listed at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor Pro Tem