



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 13, 2012 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
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson then opened the meeting.

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 9, 2012 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson presented the January financial report with the February cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall **passed unanimously.**

RECOGNIZE WEST POINT FOOD CLOSET ANN ADAMS & JIM ROUQUIE

Mayor Ferguson recognized Ms. Ann Adams and Mr. Jim Rouquie for their work with the West Point Food Closet. The Mayor stated the council will continue their support for the Food Closet.

APPOINT WIKY GLADDEN TO WEST POINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint Ms. Wiky Gladden to the West Point Development Authority Board. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously.**

RE-APPOINTMENT DEBORAH ROBERTSON TO WEST POINT HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to re-appoint Ms. Deborah Robertson to the West Point Historic Preservation Board. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

LIQUOR, MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE APPLICATION CO CO RESTAURANT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve an On-Premise Consumption Malt Beverage, Wine, and Liquor License to OK Hwan Lee at 827 2nd Avenue, Co Co Restaurant. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **carried unanimously.**

MALT BEVERAGE & WINE STORE HOURS AMENDMENT

Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson made a motion to amend the code of ordinance of the City of West Point by amending certain section on the hours of operation for retail licensees for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on and off premises as set forth in Article V, Section 3-110 of this Chapter to include there shall be allowed the package sales by retailers of malt beverages, and wine between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:55 a.m.. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30: p.m. Distilled Spirits sales by the drink shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:55 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. and 1:55 a.m. of the immediately succeeding Sunday, and on Sunday between 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. *Sec. 3-86. Hours of operation* (a) The hours of operation of retail licensees for the sale of distilled spirits package shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The hours of operation of wholesalers for the distribution of distilled spirits shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sunday between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

CONSENT TO EASEMENT STRUCTURE CORPS OF ENGINEER

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to accept the Consent to Easement Structures Resolution from the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers Mobile District for easement over Tracts Nos. 2508-E and 2509-E1 at West Point Lake and which are recorded in Deed Book 328 page 595 and Deed Book 320 page 498, respectively, in the records of Troup County, Georgia. The easement gives consent for the placement of materials for bank stabilization, and a walking trail crossing on the above identified tracts. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **carried unanimously**.

WEST SIDE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt an ordinance to designate the Westside Historic District within the City of West Point. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

BOND RESOLUTION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution for the City of West Point, Georgia to request that the West Point Development Authority issue Revenue Bonds in the Maximum Aggregate Principal amount of approximately \$4,500,000 for the purpose of financing the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of City Parks and Recreational Facilities and Equipment for the Citizens of the City of West Point; and other purposes. City Manager Ed Moon stated in the January 24th and February 9th work sessions that 2 million of the monies will be for the renovation of the gym and ball fields. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson, during the discussion Councilmember Sandra Thornton wanted to know the process and what the monies would be used for. She also wanted to make sure that all citizens have access to the facilities. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III asked whether it would be beneficial for the City to issue bonds for the entire 4.5 million or for only the amount needed and issue the remaining amount as the projects occur and will the City of West Point have to enter into an agreement with Troup County since they are over the recreation in West Point. City Attorney Larry Nix stated the resolution will give the bonding company the authority to go forward with the Trust indentures. It will be up to the Mayor and Council to decide the projects and how the monies will be used but the monies will have to be for recreation. Mr. Nix stated the City owns the land and buildings and Troup County is only over the recreation programs so an agreement with Troup County is not necessary. Mr. Nix also stated in his opinion that it would be beneficial for the city to issue bonds all at once. After the discussion the motion; **carried unanimously**.

OTHER

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Black History Month Program will be Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Keeney Memorial Methodist Church. Dr. Randy B. Kelley, Pastor Goodsell United Methodist Church will be the speaker.

Mayor Ferguson stated Knology Groundbreaking will be Wednesday, February 22nd at 1:30 p.m. and Congressman Westmoreland will also visit West Point the same day at 4:00 p.m. He will be at City Hall. Mayor Ferguson stated the Bull Dawgs Club has expressed a desire to help with the building of the Bus Shelters. He thanked Councilmember Sandra Thornton and Gerald Ledbetter for the work on the project. Mayor Ferguson thanked Councilmember Joseph R. Downs and Judy Wilkinson for working on the Library issues. Mayor Ferguson also thanked Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and Benjamin F. Wilcox for working on restoring the Virginia Day Care Building for community use.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor