



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Donald Gilliam
Councilmember M. Darren Kelley
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Annie Wallace
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

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

Mayor Ferguson called Dr. Randy Kelley, Pastor, Goodsell United Methodist Church, for opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the January 25, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Donald Gilliam presented the January financial report with the February cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Annie Wallace **passed unanimously.**

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Ferguson swore in Officer John Corbett who was hired as a West Point Police Officer on January 26, 2011.

COMMENDATIONS TO 6 POLICE OFFICERS

Mayor Ferguson presented commendations to six Police Officers. Sergeants Ernestine Walston, Leslie Riddle III, Kevin Bauer, Gerald Shrewsbury and Officer Casey Fuller received commendation for apprehending, arresting and taking a violent criminal off the streets. The suspect is accused of stabbing a 62 year old female. Sergeant Leslie Riddle and Officer Cortia Snell received commendation for the arrest of an arm robbery suspect. The incident took place Sub-Way. Investigators Teddy Morris and Officers Jason Fuller and Ernestine Walston received commendation for the January 31st arrest of three individuals of selling alcohol without a license.

BOARD APPOINTEES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to re-appoint Mr. Larry Duncan & Mr. Bob Hicks to the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam and **passed unanimously**.

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Eugene Schaufler to the Troup County Airport Authority. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**

LEASE AGREEMENT

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the City of West Point to enter into a lease agreement with Bethlehem Foundation, Inc. Bethlehem Foundation will use the Lab classroom of the facility located at 1122 O.G. Skinner Drive for computer use and training. The agreement will be for six months with the tenant having the option of renewal for as many as five additional one year terms. The motion was made with the amendment to #10 that the landlord not the tenant will keep the roof and exterior walls in repair. Councilmember Annie Wallace seconded the motion **and passed unanimously**.

WORKERS COMPENSATION FOR RESERVE OFFICERS

Councilmember M. Darren Kelley made a motion to include Reserve Officers and to reaffirm that the City of West Point provides Worker's Compensation Insurance for all its officials and employees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

ELECTION QUALIFYING FEES 2011

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to set the qualifying fees for council members for the 2011 election at \$90.00 and \$117.00 for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Annie Wallace made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam; **carried unanimously**.

ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint Donald Boyd as the 2011 Election Superintendent for the City of West Point. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously.**

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTEES

Mayor Ferguson stated that two names had been presented and he asked the Council if they wanted to proceed or table the action after some further discussion. Councilmember Donald Gilliam stated he thought they should continue with the process. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III stated both were excellent candidates either one would be a good choice for the city.

Mayor Ferguson asked for nominees from the Council. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson stated the Development Authority Board recommended Butch Garrison and she nominated him. Councilmember Donald Gilliam nominated Craig Berlin. Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint Craig Berlin to the Development Authority Board to serve a five year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Darren Kelley. The motion **passed on a 5 to 1 vote. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson voted No.**

COMMITTEE TO STUDY STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint three standing committees. The Policy Committee, and under that committee would be Intergovernmental Agreements, City Code of Ordinance, State and Federal Mandates or Legislation and City Policy and Procedure. Councilmember M. Darren Kelley would serve as Chairperson and Councilmember Annie Wallace as a member. The Administration and Finance Committee under that committee would be Capital Improvement Budget, Financial Planning, Project Financing, Administrative Policy, and Administrative Review. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs II will serve as Chairperson and Councilmember Donald Gilliam will be a member. The other committee will be Economic Development Committee which includes Community Development Projects, Tourism Projects, Economic Development Projects, and Downtown Development. Councilmember Sandra Thornton will serve as Chairperson and Councilmember Judy Wilkinson as a member. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam. During the discussion Councilmember Judy Wilkinson stated the committee needs to set some guide lines. After discussion the motion **passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Sandra Thornton reminded everyone of the Black History Celebration program that is being sponsored by the City of West Point on February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Dr. Gerald Johnson will be the speaker.

Mayor Ferguson reminded everyone of the 10th Street Redevelopment Workshop on February 19th at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor