



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 25, 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 Rev. Belinda Rives, Sardis and Power Chapel United Methodist Church, for opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 13, 2010 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

COMMITTEE TO STUDY STANDING COMMITTEES

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to form a committee to study standing committees. The committee will consist of Council members Joseph R. Downs III, Donald Gilliam and Sandra Thornton said motion was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam and **passed unanimously.**

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2011. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to nominate Councilmember Donald Gilliam. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Annie Wallace **and passed on a 5 to 1 vote Councilmember Judy Wilkinson voted no.**

APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS

Councilmember Annie Wallace made a motion to appoint Richard McCoy to the position of City Clerk/Treasure and City Sexton, seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember M. Darren Kelley made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge and Kenneth S. Rearden as Recorder Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint William L. Nix as attorney for the City at a retainer of \$350.00 per month, seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously.**

Councilmember Donald Gilliam made a motion to appoint Dr. Woody Allen Jones as the City Physician for 2011, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2010 Budget originally adopted to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2010. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

SITE PLAN REVIEW BY GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve a request by Gateway Development Company for Site Plan approval on approximately 2.83 acres on Kia Boulevard. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam and **passed unanimously.**

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to amend Chapter 8 Fire Prevention and Protection section of the City of West Point Code of Ordinances to reflect 2000 Georgia State Minimum Standard Fire Prevention Code with 2002 amendments. Councilmember M. Darren Kelley made said motion and seconded by Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously.**

COMMUNITY GARDENING RESOLUTION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to support community gardening and to allow community gardens on city property. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion and seconded by Joseph R. Downs III **and passed unanimously.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to change .75% lump sum Cost of Living Adjustment one-time payment that was payable in November, 2011 if the budget permitted to add .75% COLA increase to the employee salary in November if the budget permits. Councilmember Downs stated this change will be more of a benefit to employees overall. Councilmember M. Darren Kelley seconded the motion and **passed unanimously.**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton reminded everyone of the financial update for Troup County School System will be held at West Point Elementary School on Monday January 31, 2011. She encourages everyone to attend.

Councilmember M. Darren Kelley stated the vote on the Harris County SPLOST was coming up this year.

Mayor Ferguson stated the Community Work Shop will be held February 19th at 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Bethlehem Baptist Church. He stated this is a very important meeting and asked everyone to attend.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor