



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 9, 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:

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Judge Wesley Leonard administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect A. Drew Ferguson IV. After being sworn in, Mayor Ferguson thanked the citizens of West Point and his family for their support in his re-election bid. Mayor Ferguson gave the oath of office to Council Elect Sandra Thornton, Gerald Ledbetter and Benjamin F. Wilcox. He also gave the oath of office to Council Appointee Gloria R. Marshall.

Mayor Ferguson then opened the meeting.

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

Mayor Ferguson called Youth Minister Brad Barnes, Fairfax First Baptist Church, for opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 12, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III presented the December financial report with the January cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall **passed unanimously**.

RESOLUTION FOR CITY RETIREE CHRIS COPELAND

Mayor Ferguson read a resolution and presented it to Christopher Copeland for thirty five years of service. Lieutenant Christopher Copeland retired December 31, 2011 from the Fire Department.

MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to name a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2012. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to nominate Councilmember Judy Wilkinson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously**

APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS

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

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge at \$12,500 annually and Kenneth S. Rearden as Recorder Pro-Tem at \$6,250 annually, seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously**.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Julian Mack as Municipal Court Solicitor, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **carried unanimously**.

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

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to appoint Dr. Woody Allen Jones as the City Physician for 2012, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously**.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint G. Ben Turnipseed as the City Engineer for 2012, seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously.**

GEORGIA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES BENEFIT SYSTEM UPDATES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System addendums presented by Georgia Municipal Association in order to ensure continued tax-favored treatment for GMEBS member plans, the IRS requires that all GMEBS member employers adopt the addendum. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; **carried unanimously.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2011 Budget originally adopted to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2011. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs made a motion to set two standing committees with Council members Judy Wilkinson, Sandra Thornton, and Gerald W. Ledbetter serving on the Economic Development Committee, and Council members Joseph R. Downs, Gloria R. Marshall, and Benjamin F. Wilcox serving on the Policy, Administration and Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox. During the discussion, Councilmember Judy stated she had some concerns with three council members serving on the same committee because if the Mayor attended it would constitute a quorum. City Manager Ed Moon stated he had research the issue and that all meeting would be announced in advance so no laws would be broken. Mayor Ferguson stated he did not plan to attend any of the meetings. The motion **carried on a 5 to 1 vote with Councilmember Judy Wilkinson voting no.**

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution of the Troup County Airport Authority to request the decrease in authority size. The request is to change the required members from (12) twelve to (7) seven. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor