



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 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 Rev. W. E. Wimberly, Pastor Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, for opening prayer.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 7003

Mayor Ferguson recognized Troup County Boy Scouts, Troop 7003. He thanked them for their attendance and encouraged them to continue their quest to be Eagle Scouts.

MINUTES

Minutes from the February 14, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved with the necessary changes.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Donald Gilliam presented the February financial report with the March cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III **passed unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION FOR DARREN KELLEY, CHATTAHOOCHEE FULLER CENTER

Mayor Ferguson read a proclamation and presented it to Councilmember M. Darren Kelley for his work with the Chattahoochee Fuller Center. Councilmember Kelley resigned his position as General Manager of the Fuller Center. He thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing him but stated the recognition should go to all the volunteers who help make our community a better place. From 2007 to date Councilmember Kelley managed the construction of 26 new homes, 20 rehabilitations, and the removal of 82 dilapidated structures throughout the City of West Point and the Greater Valley Area.

RE-APPOINT BILLY LANE & DEBRA ROBERTSON HAWKES LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to re-appoint Billy Lane and Debra Robertson to the Hawkes Library Board. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton and **passed unanimously**.

RESOLUTION FOR SALES TAX

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to pass a resolution for the City of West Point to partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an effort to ensure proper payment of sales tax. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Councilmember M. Darren Kelley read a resolution and put it in a form of a motion in pursuant to HB 277 the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 that the City of West Point submit to the Georgia Department of Transportation Intersection improvements including signalization at I85 Exit 2, Highway 18 (10th Street), Highway 18 (10th Street) and O.G. Skinner Drive and Highway 18 and Highway 103, four lane improvements to Highway 18 from the existing end of the four lane east of I85 Exit 2 to the intersection of Highway 103 and from the Highway 18 and 103 intersection to the Troup County line to the south entrance to the Northwest Harris County Business Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Annie Wallace and **passed unanimously**.

RESOLUTION FOR NEW HORIZON/WEST POINT 2100

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson read a resolution to enter into an agreement to loan New Horizon \$70,000 to renovate the New Horizon building and Tailored Timble's building. The funds will come from the Redevelopment Fund Program that provided a \$500,000 revolving grant to complete the Hood Building. The City loan the monies to West Point 2100. The loan will mature in 2028. West Point 2100 has agreed to repay a lump sum of \$70,000 back to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton. During the Discussion Councilmember Donald Gilliam asked if the

owners of Tailor's Timble had been contacted. Mayor Ferguson stated that they had. The motion **passed unanimously**.

NEW VENTURES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to allow City of West Point to enter into an agreement with New Ventures Inc., to use space in the City's Technology Building. The room referred to as the Audio-Visual room located 1122 O. G. Skinner Drive. The lease is for a term of two months, commencing on the 21st day of March 2011, and ending on the 21st day of May, 2011. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion seconded by Councilmember M. Darren Kelley and **passed unanimously**.

RESOLUTION FOR PROPERTY PURCHASE

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign all documents necessary to purchase property located in Troup County the City of West Point, parcels 094 3W 018 003, 094 3W 018 004 and 094 3W 018 004A for the purpose of utility office and material storage. The amount of the purchase shall not exceed \$187,500. Councilmember Annie Wallace made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously**.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Donald Gilliam asked that the Director of Streets to check on the drainage problems on 6th Street and he asked the Mayor and Council to consider reducing the fees associated with property annexation.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton asked everyone to come to the Organizational Meeting for the Friendship Community Gardens. The meeting will be on Monday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Technology Training Center on O.G. Skinner Drive.

City Planner Sammy Osborne stated that the information printed in the local newspapers about the 244 acre mixed-use development, Mills at West Point that is proposed was correct. The report was released at a Troup County Board meeting. The information was sent to Troup County for consideration of the approval of the annexation into West Point. He stated he didn't know the information was going to be released before he presented it to the Mayor and Council.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor