



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 10, 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 called Rev. Michael Winston Youth Minister, Pilgrim Baptist Church Lanett, Alabama for opening prayer.

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

MINUTES

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2012 regular meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson presented the August financial report with the September cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox **passed unanimously**.

Keep Troup Beautiful Board Appointments.

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to appoint two members to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson nominated Ms. Susan Barker and Mr. Elijah Marshall and presented the nominations in a form of a motion to appoint them to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III **passed unanimously**.

MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION 2012

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall read a resolution and presented it in a form of a motion to adopt the 2012 Ad Valorem Tax levy for the City of West Point as follows:

Gross Levy as follows:	14.113 Mills
Local Option Sales Tax Credit	4.521 Mills
Effective Levy	9.592 Mills

City Tax for 2012 set at 9.592Mills.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter and **passed unanimously.**

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN RESOLUTION

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt a Water Conservation Plan Resolution to implement a water conservation plan that will protect the natural resources of the City and comply with Georgia Environmental Protection Division guidelines for permitting surface water withdrawals. The City of West Point is requesting increasing the water withdrawals from 2.1 million gallons a day to 4.32 million a day. This resolution was prepared by G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers, Inc. Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson and **passed unanimously.**

DE-ANNEXATION ORDINANCE HART PROPERTY

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion de-annex the property in Land Lot 125 of the Fifth Land District of Troup County, Georgia, owned by Keith and Kristie Hart at 164 Old Gabbettville Road and Map #077-0-000-053. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion and **passed unanimously.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN LAISON COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Prior to the motion the Mayor and Council discussed the Resolution that was before them. It contained the TASER Review Committee a section in the resolution that was not discussed in the prior work session. Council members Sandra Thornton, Judy Wilkinson, and Gerald Ledbetter expressed some concerns about the process of the committee. After the discussion,

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III read a resolution in the form of a motion expressing the desire to provide the inhabitants of the City of West Point the best Law Enforcement Agency possible and in a effort to deliver this service the Mayor and City Council feel that a Police Liaison Committee should be established to assist the Police Chief with community relations which was the resolution discussed in the last work

session. He also added the TASER Review Committee would be an administration function. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion. **Council members Joseph R. Downs III, Gloria R. Marshall, and Sandra Thornton voted Yes and Council members Gerald W. Ledbetter, Benjamin F. Wilcox, and Judy Wilkinson voted No. Mayor Ferguson cited the need for further discussion on this topic abstained from voting.**
The issue will be taken up at the next work session.

OTHER

Ms. Christy Henderson asked to speak on an issue that was presented to the council in a work session by the West Point Housing Authority concerning security in the housing complex. She stated a news paper had advertised the issue was going to be on tonight's agenda. She stated the Mayor and Council took the issue off the agenda because she and others were coming to the meeting. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson expressed her displeasure with Ms. Henderson's statement. She stated Ms. Henderson's statement undermines the integrity of the council. Councilmember Wilkinson re-stated the issue was never on the agenda.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor