



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 12, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Ferguson called Rev. Elijah Jackson, Jr., pastor, Evening Spring Baptist Church, Lanett, Al and Wehadkee Baptist Church, Roanoke, Al for opening prayer.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the August 8, 2011 regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Resolution Vacant City Council Seat

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt a resolution outlining the procedure to fill the vacant seat that was vacated by M. Darren Kelley. The procedures include the applicant filling out the Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit, presenting a letter to the Mayor and Council for the councils review at the September 27, 2011 City Council Work Session, consideration of the application at the October 10, 2011 Council Meeting, the open period of October 11, 2011 from 9:00a.m. until November 4, 2011 at 4:00 p.m., \$45.00 application fee, releasing the names of all applicants on November 10, 2011, the Council interviewing all Candidates, selecting a Candidate at the December 12, 2011 City Council meeting, and Swearing in the new Council Member at the January 9, 2012 City Council meeting. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously**.

Resolution 2011 Millage Rate

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson read a resolution and presented it in a form of a motion to adopt the Ad Valorem Tax levy for the City of West Point as follows:

Gross Levy as follows:	14.757 Mills
Local Option Sales Tax Credit	4.976 Mills
Effective Levy	9.781 Mills

City Tax for 2011 set at 9.781Mills.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton. During the discussion, Councilmember Donald Gilliam asked for a motion to amend the motion made by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson to reduce the millage rate by one mill to 8.781. The motion failed for a lack of a second. The motion made by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson **passed on a 4 to 1 vote. Councilmember Donald Gilliam voting No.**

Appoint one (1) member to the Troup County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Kris Cagle to the Troup County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously**.

Award Kia Parkway Median Crossover Project to Southeastern Site Development

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to adopt a resolution that will award Southeastern Site Development the contract for the Kia Parkway Median Crossover Project in the amount of \$105,181.95. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; second by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson. During the discussion Mayor Ferguson thanked Troup County and Georgia Department of Transportation for working to make this project possible. The motion **passed unanimously**.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson stated the administrative portion of the paving project for the Depot Parking lot was about complete. October 1, 2011 will be Melinda Powers last day as an employee with the West Point Depot and Visitors Center. She stated that since the renovation of the Depot, the Depot committee had raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to turn a building that was in ruins into the beautiful building it is today. She stated the Depot Committee had voted to turn the Depot over to the City of West Point. Mayor Ferguson thanked the Depot Committee for all they did to preserve the building and gave a special thanks to Delores Wooley. Ms. Wooley said “It’s not me it’s our community. The people of our community came together to save the Depot.”

Mayor Ferguson thanked Traci Martin and everyone who participated in the West Point Adventure Race.

Councilmember Donald Gilliam stated he attended the funeral for Mr. Charlie Shealey on Saturday and the funeral procession in his opinion was dangerous. He stated they need to revisit at the funeral procession ordinance and put something in place.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

A. Drew Ferguson IV
Mayor