



---

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Mayor Ferguson opened the work session and thanked everyone for attending.

**Address Mayor and Council Tim Duffey**

Mr. Tim Duffey introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He stated he was a candidate for Troup County Commissioner District 3 and he welcomes their support in the upcoming election. Mayor Ferguson thanked Mr. Duffey for his comments.

**Address Mayor and Council Deborah Robertson Hawkes Library Chairperson**

Deborah Robertson and E. Drexel Meadows gave the Mayor and Council an update of the services and activities the Hawkes Library provides. Ms. Robertson read the Hawkes Library Mission Statement. She asked the Mayor and Council to consider increasing the funding for the library when considering the 2013 budget. She asked the Mayor and Council to attend an event celebrating the Hawkes Library 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jack Reed, Wayne Boatwright, and Robert representing the State Department and Three Rivers Regional Commission spoke in support of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. The Transportation Investment Act calls for a 1% sales tax for 10 years that will pay for project throughout the 12 Regions. The City of West Point is in the Three Rivers Region. The vote is a regional vote and will be on the upcoming ballot.

### **Keep Troup Beautiful Board Appointments**

Mayor Ferguson stated the City of West Point has two opening for the Keep Troup Beautiful committee. The appointments will be on the next agenda.

### **Millage Rate**

City Clerk Richard McCoy presented the preliminary 2012 Tax Digest along with the PT32.1 computation of Millage Rate Rollback and five year tax history. He stated if the preliminary figures do not change the current rate of 9.781 will be rollback to 9.587 to allow for the increase due to reassessment. If the Mayor and Council decide not to rollback the rate, two public hearing will have to be held before they vote to set the millage rate because the 2.02 % increase is due to reassessment and is considered a tax increase.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Ferguson reported the Back to School Bash will be held on August 11, 2012. Donated school supplies will be distributed on July 28, 2012 at the West Point Gym.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated any donations for the bus shelters fund will be greatly appreciated.

**ADJOURN**