



The regular Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall May 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

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 opened the work session and thanked everyone for attending.

Troup County Transformation

Members from the Pathway house, Judge Little, Judge of Superior Court Troup County, Chief Detmore of LaGrange gave a presentation to the Mayor and Council on a Mental Health Court Program that is proposed for Troup County mental patients that are arrested. The program is designed to help mental patients stay on their medicine. They presented data that show how many more days a mental patient stay in jail when they were not a part of this program compared to patients in the program. Hall County enrolled 97 participants 24 were still active, 30 had graduated, 35 had been terminated and 8 had opted out. These 97 participants had served 7,183 days in jail in the 18 months prior to enrolling in the court. The participants served 1,333 days in jail while participating in the Mental Health Court. This is a reduction of 5,850 days at a cost of \$50 a day saving \$292,500. They are asking Troup County and the City of LaGrange for \$26,000 and Hogansville and the City of West Point for \$5,000 in support of this program. Mayor Ferguson asked the Council to give the proposal some consideration and they will discuss further at the next work session.

Address Mayor and Council

Mr. Ken Boatwright introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He stated he was a candidate for Troup County Tax Commissioner. He is a Public Accountant with a

background in real estate and a native of LaGrange. Mayor Ferguson thanked Mr. Boatwright for his comments.

Citizen Police Review Boards

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed a draft Police Review Board Policy. He stated the major challenges the Mayor and Council will be deciding how many members will serve on the board and term limits. It was suggested the potential members get training and education about policies, procedures, and State Law. Mayor Ferguson suggested four year staggered terms.

Logo on Gymnasium Floors

City Manager Ed Moon presented a drawing of the West Point Gym floor with Point University logo on the floor. He asked the Council for input for the floor design.

License Agreement for Recreation Facilities

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no major changes to the License and Indemnification Agreement between the City of West Point and Point University for the use of the City's Recreation Facilities. Point University will play 90% of all home games using the City of West Point facilities for a period of 7 years. The Recreation Department will run concessions for their games and Point University will handle concessions for their games.

Other Business

The next Work Session will be Thursday, June 7th at 8:15 am and the next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11th at 6:00 pm.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton suggested the Mayor and Council recognized the accomplishments of students from West Point at the next meeting.

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