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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 4, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steven M. Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

**Agenda Reviewed**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven M. Tramell reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the work session.

**Public Comments on agenda Item**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. He was recommending Luther Jones who is an attorney in LaGrange GA to serve as the City Public Defender. The recommendation will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

**MILLAGE RATE**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated there were no changes from the last work session that the city's 2016 net tax digest of \$150,861,574 grew by \$777,995 over last year resulting in a dollar increase of \$484. The increase was mostly due to reassessment which created the option to rollback the 2015 millage rate from 9.348 to 9.303 mills. Over the past five years the City's millage rate has decrease from 9.781 to 9.303. City Staff recommends rolling the 2016 millage rate back to 9.303. The five year history was ran in our local

newspaper and the city has met all state requirements. The resolution to set the 2016 millage rate to 9.303 will be on August 8<sup>th</sup> business agenda.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. The West Point Police Department is asking the Mayor and Council to surplus several items which includes four cubicles with combined work and storage areas, used condition, tan and light blue in color, twenty one pieces of office furniture 8 desks, and 13 assorted shelves and cabinets, and 22 assorted office chairs in used condition. The items will be on the next business agenda for consideration

### **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT III**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Piedmont Paving, Inc from Newnan GA presented a low bid of \$719,139.10. The City will receive a \$500,000 grant from the state with 20% matching funds from the city. The matching funds will come from SPLOST proceeds. The project includes the north parking lot on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, W 9<sup>th</sup> street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, and 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the Pavilion at City Hall. The recommendation to accept the bid from Piedmont Appraisers, Inc will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

### **VIRGINIA COOK BUILDING UPDATE**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the construction of the Virginia Cook Building should be complete within two weeks. The Council will need to address the use of the building, the parking lot, windows, and landscaping. The city has a tentative agreement to purchase the adjoining properties next to the center for \$43,000. The contract will be on the next business agenda if all parties have signed the contract.

### **POINT UNIVERSITY RESIDENTS HALL**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Right of Way on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and West 10<sup>th</sup> Street appraised value \$390,000 and the Right of way Fourth Avenue appraised for \$35,000. A recommendation will be made to go forward with the permanent closure of these properties and sell them to Point University at the appraised value. Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter stated he had received concerns from some citizens and the Council should note and weigh those concerns when making these decisions. The recommendation will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned