



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 7, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Public Hearing Sign Ordinance

Mayor Ferguson opened the Public Hearing for comments on the proposed changes to the City of West Point Sign Ordinance. There were no comments. Mayor Ferguson closed the open meeting.

Review Agenda

Mayor Ferguson called meeting to order and reviewed the agenda items for the meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on any agenda item.

New Business

- **Sign Ordinance Amendment**

City Planner Sammy Osborne stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The City of West Point adopted our current sign ordinance in 2007. The recommended changes are to section 3.D (Materials) page 66 currently states, Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-density overlay (MDO) board. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the

material and color of the building. This requirement does not apply to the Quality Development Corridor Overlay District (QDC). With the recommended changes Section 3.D will read Permanent signs shall be made of high quality durable material. Approved materials are metal with a minimum thickness of 6mm, high density urethane (HDU) or wood. If plywood is to be used, it must have exceptionally smooth and weather resistance surfaces, such as those with medium-density overlay (MDO) board. Other high quality materials shall be given consideration. Hand painted signs that are not professionally done will not be allowed. Signs shall compliment the material and color of the building.

Materials (Downtown Historic District). Will change to Signs in the Downtown Historic District are held to a higher level of execution and should be unique and compliment the historic nature of the district. Permanent signs shall be made of high density urethane (HDU) with a minimum thickness of 1 inch or wood with a minimum thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Signs may be painted directly on the building if they are professionally done. Other high quality material shall be given consideration. All signs must be approved by the Downtown District Sign Committee. It is recommended that material should not be ordered for the sign before obtaining approval. Mayor Ferguson stated the sign ordinance will be on the next business meeting agenda.

- **State Representative Ed Setzler**

State Representative Ed Setzler stated he was friends with Chief Bailey and came down to visit him and he was impressed with the progress the City of West Point is making. Mayor Ferguson thanked him for his comments.

- **Consider Agenda Items for Council Meeting**

Mayor Ferguson stated the item listed above will be considered for discussion on August 11, 2014 Council meeting.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Ferguson stated Operation Back Pack was a huge success. Over 600 Back Packs and school supplies were giving to children. He thanked everyone who was involved with the project especially the churches Emanuel Chapel, Bethlehem, Eagle Nest Cathedral, and Rev. Thomas at Keeney United Methodist Church.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned