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Work Session of the Mayor and Council were held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 6, 2015 at 8:15 a.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 Steven M. Tramell  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

**Work Session Meeting Called to Order / Review Agenda**

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

**Public Comments on agenda items**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

- **Refinance Gas System Bond Andrew Tritt w/MerchantCapital**

Andrew Tritt with Merchant Capital stated the City of West Point has Gas System Bonds at a rate of 4.79% through 2029. If the Mayor and Council decide to refinance the current gas bonds the City could get a rate of 3.08% which would save the City around \$130,000 with the same term ending in 2029. Mayor Ferguson the refinancing of the Gas System Bond will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **Electric Rate, Katrina Bond w/ECG**

Katrina Bond from Electric Cities of Georgia stated Distributed Generation which includes solar, wind, geothermal and other alternative energy sources enables customers to generate their own electricity to offset energy purchased from utility companies. Distributed Generation provides options for consumers to be “greener”. Georgia law

requires utility companies to allow net metering. It also requires utility companies to purchase excess energy from customers up to 0.2% of utility's peak load. The City of West Point 2014 peak load was 11,596 kw. The law requires the city to purchase 0.2% of peak load from customers who have installed Distributed Generation which equates to 23kw. The estimated fixed cost exposure for the City of West Point is \$6,481.00 per year. The estimated annual saving to customers is around \$90.00. She stated the rate chart in their package is the estimated Distributed Generation Rate for Tier 1,2 and 3 customers living in the City of West Point.

- **Phase II Downtown River Park**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Downtown River Park project is progressing. The sidewalks and parking lots are completed. Renovation of the old fire station building is being renovated. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider approving funding for the sidewalk and boat ramp at the next business meeting. The sidewalk and boat ramp cost is estimated at around \$75,000.

- **Funding for Rehabilitation of the Virginia Cook Building- RFP**

City Manager Ed Moon showed a presentation of the Virginia Cook Building outlining the proposed renovations. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider at the next business meeting (RFB) a solicitation bid through an interested company in procurement of providing the service to renovate the building.

**Consider Agenda Items for Business Meeting**

Mayor Ferguson stated all the listed items will be on the next business agenda.

**Mayor & Council Comments**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.