



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 4, 2014 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 Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Meeting Called to Order / Review Agenda

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

Public Comments on agenda items

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

New Business

- **Project River**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. The project is a 310,080 square foot manufacturing assembly center operating in the Northwest Business Park within the City of West Point in Harris County. The company will employ up to 200 full time jobs.

- **2015 Draft Budget**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes to the 2015 proposed budget since the last work session. The General Fund is \$6,757,262, Water & Sewer, \$3,741,982, Electric \$6,059,632, Gas \$1,547,319 and Sanitation \$466,450 operating budget totaling \$18,572,645, plus Emergency 911 \$94,337, SPLOST \$1,336,100, total budget \$20,003,082. The budget will be on the next business agenda for adoption.

Youth Service video Playground Equipment

City Manager Ed Moon showed a video highlighting West Point Cares Program. The video showed West Point youths imagining how a safe outdoor playground for activities located at the Youth Building would be. The video will be used to solicit funds to purchased playground equipment at the youth center. Cy Wood member of the Friends of West Point stated the FOWP organization will donate \$30,000 towards the project. City Planner Sammy Osborne stated the 1st phase will need to be ordered by December 31, 2014. The estimated cost of the playground equipment is around \$70,000.

Business meeting agenda December 8th 6:00 pm

Mayor Ferguson stated Project River and the 2015 Draft Budget will also be on the next work session agenda.

Mayor & Council Comments

Councilmember Sandra stated the Salvation Army will be at the Technology Building at 9:00 this morning to begin signing up citizens who are eligible for the Christmas gifts. Mayor Ferguson stated the Valley wide Christmas parade will be next Thursday, December 11, 2014.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned