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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 10, 2015 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

Members Absent:

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**

- **2016 Draft Budget Presentation**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. He asked if there were any questions concerning the 2016 budget. There were no other questions. The last work session presented the proposed draft 2016 City of West Point Budget with some key elements of the budget no water and sewer rate change, no utility rate adjustments, no cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on Consumer Price Index (CPI). Capital purchases include four vehicles, Truck and lift, Bucket truck and a mini excavator. The Capital purchases are 2% of the total operating budget. The General Fund is \$6,339,029 and utilities 11,823,615.

- **Harris County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015-2020**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Fire Chief Milton Smith and Police Chief Tony Bailey served on the committee. The Harris County Hazard Mitigation Plan is to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Chief Bailey and Chief

Smith stated there review of the plan met with satisfaction. There were no changes from the last work session. A resolution will need to be adopted at the next business meeting.

- **Board & committee appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated two applications have been submitted for the West Point Development Authority Board, one for the Planning Board, and two for the Historic Preservation Commission. Jane Fuller and Marshall Sapp applied for HPC and Dee Dee Williams and Kevin Patrick for the West Point Development Authority Board. Aaron Lewis II has applied for the Planning Board. The appointments will be on the next business agenda.

- **Electric Cities of Georgia Voting Delegates**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. The voting delegates for the Electric Cities of Georgia are Ed Moon and Sammy Inman. A resolution will be on the next agenda to reappoint them as voting delegates from the City of West Point.

- **Intergovernmental Agreement with Harris County**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. The Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the North West Harris County Business Park Maintenance will be on the next agenda. The Agreement will be between the City of West Point and Harris County. The agreement will set guide lines and cost with the City of West Point maintaining the Right-of-Way, Main Entrances, and other services.

- **Powertech Bond**

Economic Development Director Meghan Duke stated the West Point Development Authority intends to issue \$40,000,000 principal face amount Taxable Industrial Development Revenue Bond to PowerTech America, Inc. Series 2015 for the purpose of financing certain equipment and other personal property to be utilized in manufacturing facilities for automobile transmissions and related products and such capital improvements. The improvements will create 25 new jobs. The estimated revenue received from the PILOT \$310,821.00 over seven years. The resolution to adopt the agreement will be on the next business agenda.

- **Credit Card Policy**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Georgia General Assembly has established guidelines which provide that no municipal corporation shall issue or allow the use of government credit card accounts by Elected Officials on or after January 1, 2016, unless the governing authority of the municipal corporation, by lawful vote, has authorized the issuance or use of such accounts and promulgated certain policies regarding usage by Elected Officials. The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements and standards

for use of credit card accounts by Elected Officials. None of the City of West Point Officials has use or possessed credit card accounts. The Purchasing Card Policy will be on the next business agenda.

- **Executive Session to discuss Personnel**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to enter into and Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimous**

**Mayor & Council Other Comments**

Chief Tony Bailey stated Harris County loaned a huge truck to the city. The Truck will be used for community affairs events such as parades. The truck stripping and lighting was paid for from public donations.

Chief Bailey also asked for volunteers for the Bagging Toys for the Salvation Army event taking place on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1706 Shorewood Drive in LaGrange at 9:00am. The toys will be distributed on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> to needed families.

There were no other comments.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned