



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall December 8, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steve 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 Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the work session.

Public Comments on agenda Item

Donald Gilliam stated some concerns he had and some concerns he said other citizens have brought to his attention. The concerns consists of the last election votes being counted in Harris County, the Mayor Pro-Tem holding two positions, the City Charter, no place to hold community gatherings, street and sidewalk paving, coyotes roaming, vacant lots in the city, trash and the manner in which the Recreation and Senior Citizen Centers are operated. City Manager Ed Moon stated the City's Charter was updated in 2005 and the charter is being followed. Mr. Moon and the Council stated they will be willing to meet with him and discuss the issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell thanked Mr. Gilliam for his comments.

There were no further comments.

New Business

- **2017 Budget Proposed Budget**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes to the proposed 2017 Budget from the last meeting. The 2017 Budget will include 2% COLA, (2) Police vehicles, Police Camera System, City Software System, and retire Depot debt. Total operating budget will

be \$19.4 million dollars. Copies of the proposed budget are available at City Hall and the budget is posted on the City's web-site.

- **Board & Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session for 2016 City Boards, Authorities and Commissions. He stated the December agenda will consist of The Troup County Parks and Recreation appointment, incumbent Kris Cagle, and West Point Development Authority, incumbent Wiki Gladden. He also stated he has received an application from Deedee Williams for the West Point Development Authority.

- **John Giles ECG President & CEO**

John Giles gave an overview of the top goals of the Electric Cities of Georgia which included State-wide economic development, technology by putting Graphic Presentation on the web. He stated HB 57 allowed solar panels and that most cities have created a distribution generation rate including the City of West Point. He thanked the Council for working with ECG.

- **Recognize CharterBank Cowboys-2016 Textile Bowl Champions**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Charter Bank Cowboys 10 and 11 year old team won the 2016 Textile Bowl. The team was undefeated in their quest for the title. The team will be recognized by the Council at the next business meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Police Chief Tony Bailey stated the City of West Point and the City of Hogansville collected over \$10,000 for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Race. The City of West Point won first place in the contest. All proceeds go to local families. He encouraged all members to participate in the Bag for Tots on December 17th.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned