



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall February 6, 2014 at 8:15 p.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:

Agenda Reviewed in it's entirely before discussion

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the agenda.

Public Comments on Any Items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **Sherri Brown Circles Program**

Ms. Sherri Brown representing the Circles Program stated the program is designed to help lift people out of poverty. She stated Troup County poverty rate had rose from 20% to 22%. People making below \$23,000 fall in the poverty category and people making \$42,000 is considered the living wage. She stated the program address broad issues of poverty. Currently eighteen families are in the program two are from the City of West Point with about 30 children. She acknowledged the financial contribution they receive from West Point but stated the need more volunteers.

- **Monica Barber KaBoom Grant**

Ms. Monica Barber Community Development Specialist for the City of West Point gave an overview of the KaBoom program. The program is a national non-profit dedicated to saving play for America's children. She stated the City has applied for a \$9,000 grant to help with playground equipment. The playground must be assembled using the KaBoom

community-build model and completed within 12 months of receiving the award. Before the building takes place the need an updated insurance document naming Dr. Pepper Snapple Group and KaBoom as additional insured, purchase Order, Build Day Plan of Action, Maintenance Plan and Programming Plan. City Manager Ed Moon stated the additional funding would have to come from donations and/or added to the expense line for Community Development.

- **Applicants for the Board & Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Kris Cagle is the only applicant for the Recreation Board, Griggs Zachary is the only applicant for the Development Board, Gloria Watson is the only applicant for the Election Board and Diane Davidson is the only applicant for the Board of Adjusters. The Board appointments will be on the next business agenda.

- **Public Hearing Buffer Requirements**

Mayor Ferguson opened the Public Hearing for comments concerning the proposed Buffer Requirements.

There were no comments.

- **Amendment to the Buffer Requirements**

City Planner Sammy Osborne stated the recommendation from the Planning Board was to change the Buffer Requirements for property being annexed into the City of West Point from the current 15 feet to 30 feet.

- **Phase II Recreation “Free Play Field”**

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the West Point Park Preliminary Site Study. The plans consist of pedestrian sidewalk from 10th Street to the Gym and Baseball Fields, New landscaping around existing fence, public pavilion.

Consider Items For Business Meeting Agenda

Mayor Ferguson reviewed the items that will be on the next Mayor and Council Meeting agenda.

Other Business Comments

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Black History Program will be on February 25th 6:00 o'clock at the West Point Gym.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned