



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs II
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Steven M. Tramell
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Meeting Called to Order / Review Agenda

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

Public Comments on any items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **Swear in New Police Officer**

Mayor Ferguson administered the oath of office to Captain Brain Patrick Kelley as a member of the West Point Police Department.

- **Utility Department Update**

Utility Director Sammy Inman gave a presentation updating the Mayor and Council on the City's Utility Systems. He stated the City has over 225 miles of electric lines. Water and Sewer lines covers over 20 square miles. The Electric and Gas territory is 6.5 square miles. In the last ten years, the City has completely replaced the gas system; build a new Waste Treatment Plant, and new Water Plant. He stated the City's utilities have excess capacity and that has position the City for future growth. He commended Cheryl Magby

for helping with keeping the utilities in compliance with State and Federal regulations and the level of service all his staff is providing.

Mayor Ferguson also commended Cheryl Magby for her work with the Better Home Town committee.

- **Keep Troup Beautiful Proclamation (Council Meeting)**

Mayor Ferguson stated a proclamation naming a day in April as “Great American Cleanup” for Keep Troup Beautiful in West Point will be on the next agenda.

- **Valley Haven Proclamation (Council Meeting)**

Mayor Ferguson stated a proclamation proclaiming a week in April as Hike Bike Run Day in the City of West Point will be on the next agenda.

- **Malt Beverage, Wine, & Liquor License Application for Youngs Garden Restaurant at 305 E 10th Street**

Mayor Ferguson stated an on premise malt beverage, wine, and liquor license application for Youngs Garden Restaurant located at 305 E. 10th Street has been submitted by the owner PaeChong Kwak who has recently purchased the business. The application will be on the next agenda.

- **Malt Beverage & Wine License Application for West Point Grocers at 900 E. 10th Street**

Mayor Ferguson stated an off premise malt beverage, & wine license application for West Point Grocers located at 900 E. 10th Street has been submitted by the owner Kanubhai P. Rabri who has recently purchased the business. The application will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Ferguson asked the Council to consider changing the City’s ordinance for issuing alcohol licenses that will not require action on behalf of the council. The change will make issuing alcohol licenses a staff procedure through the City Clerk’s office like all other licenses.

- **Electric Cities of Georgia Resolutions**

City Manager Ed Moon stated a resolution approving each amendment to the intergovernmental participant contract among all participants respecting participation in electric cities of Georgia, Inc. respecting distribution engineering and analytical services, and the contract, pursuant to Section 403 thereof, may be amended with the written approval of 75% of the participants that would be affected by such amendment using the weighted vote methodology. The resolution will be on the next agenda.

- **Electric Cities of Georgia Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Electric Cities of Georgia Agreement that will be on the next agenda will ask the Council to authorize the City Manager or the Mayor to sign the agreement outlined in the Electric Cities of Georgia Resolution.

- **Amendment to Zoning Ordinance (Public Hearing WS#2)**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated the recommended amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance is to amend section 4, 3 and 4.5 and re-number as shown General Residential District Regulations. Delete section 17, 10 definitions 17.1.6,7, &10 through 13 and re-number as shown Landscaping Requirements and Definitions in the QDC Overlay District. Create new chapter 22A with the deletions from Section 17 of QDC. The purpose of these text amendments is to improve the standards of which future developments within the City of West Point are held. They are intended to improve property values, visual aesthetics, air quality, and therefore improve the overall quality of life for the citizens of West Point.

- **Annexation Request, West Point Sewage Treatment Plant (Public Hearing WS#2)**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated the City of West Point is requesting ten (10) acres off Highland Dr. near Interstate 85 on the Chattahoochee River be annexed into the City. The application has been forwarded to Harris County for review as required by O.C.G.A. 36-36-2. The Harris County Board of Commissioners did not file any objections to the annexation of the property into the city.

- **Annexation Request, Georgia Welcome Center (Public Hearing WS#2)**

City Planner Sara Thompson stated the Georgia Department of Transportation is requesting twenty one (21.3) acres along Interstate 85 shortly after crossing the Chattahoochee River and the Alabama and Georgia State line be annexed into the City. The property is in land lot 281 in the 5th District of Harris County. The request is to annex the property into the City with a CGN(General Commercial) zoning classification, rather than its current agricultural classification. The application has been forwarded to Harris County for review as required by O.C.G.A. 36-36-2. The Harris County Board of Commissioners did not file any objections to the annexation of the property into the city.

- **Cemetery Ordinance Amendment**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the recommendation to change the City of West Point Cemetery ordinance will allow for burials in cemeteries regulated by the State of Georgia to take place in the City limits of West Point. Currently the ordinance states burials within the City limits can only take place in City cemeteries.

- **Street Name Change**

City Manager Ed Moon stated a resolution to rename Cleaveland Street to Cleveland Street will be on the next agenda for consideration. West Point residents have referred to and spelled Cleaveland Street as Cleveland Street for years. Changing the spelling to Cleveland will be in the best interest of the citizens of West Point. The resolution will be on the next agenda.

- **Library Contracts**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the two contracts for library services between Hawkes library and Bradshaw library are being prepared. The contracts run from April through March. The contracts will be on the next agenda.

- **Board and Committee Appointments**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there are 13 board appointments that needs be made by the Council in 2015. In March, 2015 appointments to Hawkes Library Board, Municipal Planning Board and the West Point Historic Preservation will have vacancies. The City has received application from Debra Robertson and Larry Duncan for the Hawkes Library Board and Joe H. Thompson for the Historic Preservation Commission.

- **Executive Session**

Mayor Ferguson asked for a motion to inter into executive session to discuss the purchase of land and property. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter motion **passed unanimously**.

Consider Agenda Items for Business Meeting

Mayor Ferguson stated the listed business items will also be on the next business meeting agenda

Mayor & Council Comments

There were no other comments.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned