



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III

Public Comments on any issue

There were no public comments

Agenda Reviewed in it's entirely before discussion

The Mayor and Council reviewed the agenda and proceeded without objection.

Presenters

Dr. Pugh, Troup County School Superintendent

Dr. Cole Pugh Superintendent of Troup County Schools gave a presentation of the financial condition and the strategic planning for the school system. He stated for fiscal year 2013 the system had a shortfall of \$16,456,257 mostly due to State Austerity Reductions. To offset the deficit the advisory board made up of 49 members, recommended addressing elementary attendance boundaries, expanding some schools and closing some. West Point Elementary School was included in the expansion if another SPLOST is approved.

Aaron Fortner Downtown Planning Project

Mr. Aaron Fortner and Ms. Lakey Boyd of Market and Main gave a presentation for the Downtown Planning Project. Mr. Fortner stated the planning will resembled the 10th Street Project Planning. It will begin with a steering committee followed by focus groups input, Elected Officials, and two public forms. He stated the downtown area is made up of pockets such as the Riverfront, the University, and the business. The Downtown Planning Project will take approximately four months.

Planning Board Appointments

Planning Director Sammy Osborne stated there are three positions on the Planning Board that needs to be filled. The three board members currently serving in those positions are Bill Gladden, Joel Finley, and Anita Jones have express the desire to serve another term.

Annexation of Beall Property

Planning Director Sammy Osborne stated Bruce Beall has requested two parcel of land be annexed into the City of West Point. Map Parcel number 001A 099 and 001B 113. The Planning Board had no objections to the annexation.

911 Phone System

Chief Milton Smith stated AT&T no longer supports the current 911 System. Bids were taken and four companies graded out with the same score. There are some differences such as the ability to relocate within the City of West Point in case of a disaster that damages the Police Department where we currently have the 911 system. Chief Smith stated they will continue narrowing the options down and make a recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Amend City Retirement Plan

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Council voted in December to discontinue retirement benefits for the Mayor and Council. He stated a resolution to amend the city's retirement to reflect that change will be on the next agenda.

Library Contracts

City Manager Ed Moon stated two contracts for library service will be on the next business meeting agenda. The contracts between Hawkes and Bradshaw libraries are mostly the same except for pest control and lawn maintenance for Hawkes.

Consider items for work session two

Mayor Ferguson stated the business items discussed will be on the next work session agenda.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Sandra stated they need construction worker volunteers for the Bus Shelter on April 19th.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned