



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 26, 2013 at 6:00 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 Benjamin F. Wilcox
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson

Members Absent:

Agenda Reviewed in it's entirely before discussion

The Mayor reviewed the agenda and stated without objection from the council the meeting will precede with the outlined agenda.

Public Comments on any issue

No comment

Public Hearing Budget Comments

No comment

Presenter

- **Monica Barber, Food Program Application**

Monica Barber, City of West Point Youth Coordinator presented the At-Risk Afterschool Snack Program application. It is a reimbursement program for meals or snacks served after school hours during the school term. Programs must serve youth in a low-income area. The program administrators are Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), USDA and FNS, and Bright from the Start: GA Dept of Early Care & Learning. Reimbursement includes supplies, salaries, travel, printing, etc. Program Reimbursement is limited by the number of students enrolled and operating days. Monica will attend training and keep daily & monthly records. Monica Barber is asking council to nominate a principal for the program and vote appointing the principal at the council meeting.

- **Mitt Smith, EMS Training Program**

Milton Smith, West Point Fire Chief presented the West Point Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program. Paramedic courses can only be offered by programs that are accredited by Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs (CoAEMSP). Currently EMS training is not offered in any location that is close to our area. West Point would be a good location due to the other closest areas offering such training are in Villa Rica, Griffin, and Henry County. If approved, the program will begin 1-1-2013. This would be a revenue source that would fund its own use of facility and utility costs. West Point Fire Department employees can take advantage in continuous education. It will give exposure to the City of West Point with students and employees from other areas.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2014 Proposed Budget**

City Manager Ed Moon stated one change was made per the Council's request. The Library Services has been increased to \$40,000.00.

- **Food Program Application**

No comment

- **EMS Training Program**

No comment

- **Harris County Annexation Request**

Sammy Osborne, Community Development Director, stated Harris County made a request to annex 127 acres on Highway 103 into the City of West Point. The property is contiguous to the current city limits of West Point. It is on the west side of Hwy 103 near the entrance to Johnson Controls. The property is being added to the NWHBP for future prospects. The zoning requested is I-2 (Heavy Industrial) which is the same as the existing park.

- **Knology Utility Easement Agreement**

Sammy Osborne, Community Development Director, stated Knology is requesting a 20 foot easement near the Boy Scout Hut and Baseball Fields. Knology needs the easement to access the cable lines that are located there.

- **Knology Joint Use Pole Attachment Agreement**

Ed Moon, City Manager, stated this agreement is up for renewal. Joint use of certain poles between the City and Knology.

- **Troup County SPLOST IV Admendment**

First Amendment to Troup County SPLOST 4 that reclassifies all projects to priority 1.

- **Littering & Parking**

Ed Moon, City Manager, stated his research on other cities shows 2 hours parking is typical for downtown areas. If the Council decides to do this it would require 60 parking places to be restricted. A total of 15 signs will be needed to post the restricted area. To avoid drilling holes in the sidewalk we are proposing a solid moveable base and post. The cost for 15 signs will be approximately \$2,800. Covering 3rd Avenue between West 8th Street and West 9th Street, 3rd Avenue between West 9th and West 10th Street West Side of Street only, West 9th Street between 3rd Avenue and 4th Avenue North Side of Street Only. No parking and No littering signs for Kia Parkway, Kia Boulevard, Hwy 18, and Webb Road total approximate cost is \$2,640. They will be engineering grade, reflective, and aluminum. Mayor Ferguson suggested \$500 1st littering offense and \$1000 second offence. Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter suggested that we place a flyer in utility bill addressing the littering problem we have for the whole city.

- **Malt Beverage Wine, & Liquor Application for West Point Liquor, Inc dba Big Johns**

No comment

Consider Items for Council Meeting

Mayor Ferguson stated the following items will be on the next agenda for the council consideration. Also, a Public Hearing for the Harris County Annexation.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Ferguson thanked City staff on Winter Carnival and Councilmember Judy Wilkinson for doing a phenomenal job.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned