



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 4, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor A. Drew Ferguson IV opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Mayor Ferguson opened the work session and thanked everyone for attending.

TASER/Complaint Police Advisory/Review Group(s)

City Manager Ed Moon stated resolution presented at the last council meeting proposed a compromise by having the Law Enforcement Review of Taster Enforcement and City Manager Ed Moon appointing the members. A revision includes having a three person committee to review the use of tasers.

Inmate Housing Recommendation

City Manager Ed Moon stated the City's Attorney recommended postponing the vote on the resolution to outsource the inmates to Troup County until the Intergovernmental Agreement is completed.

Council Meeting Procedures

City Manager Ed Moon passed out a Meeting Guide for the Mayor and Council. Meetings for Work Session #1 do not require a request form for citizens to speak on an appropriate city issue. Work Session #2 requires that citizens describe the agenda item in detail on a form that they wish to address before the City Council and deliver to City Hall before the day of the second work session. The request will be reviewed by staff and delivered to the mayor who will call on those who wish to speak during the meeting as long as the request is based on a specific agenda item for the current meeting. Each speaker will have a 3 minute time limit. The Council Meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 will be the business meeting to take action on agenda items. There will be no public comments.

Local Sales Taxes on Energy Used in Manufacturing Being Eliminated

City Manager Ed Moon stated there have been no changes on this subject since the last work session. The state has eliminated sales taxes on energy used in manufacturing. A county or a city may elect, by ordinance, to phase in a 2% excise tax to replace the sales tax on energy used in manufacturing. Troup County has stated they will enact the 2% and the City of West Point may enter into an intergovernmental agreement to receive 5% of the taxes collected. Harris County has indicated they will not adopt the 2% excise tax so the City of West Point may pass an ordinance and collect the entire 2% collected.

Malt Beverage & Wine License Application for West Point Stop & Go and West Point Shell

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated there have been no changes on this subject since the last work session. West Point Stop & Go and West Point Shell are changing owners. The applications for Malt Beverage and Wine Licenses will be on the next city council agenda for consideration.

Appointment to the Elections & Registration Board

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Mayor and Council are asked to appoint a member to the newly created Troup County Board of Elections and Registration. The initial appointee will serve a term of one year through December 31, 2013. The term there after will be for three years. The board will have the power to oversee elections in Troup County.

Other Business

Mr. James Woodruff appeared before the council and announced he was a candidate for Troup County Sherriff and asked for their support.

Chief Cato asked everyone to keep the Pitts family in their prayers as they deal with the death of their child.

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson announced the Winter Carnival will be on Saturday, November 17th from 5pm-8pm with the West Point City Council leading the caroling.

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