



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 25, 2012 at 6:00 a.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

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

TASER/Complaint Police Advisory/Review Group(s)

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox stated him and the other two council members who voted against the Police Advisory/Taster / Review Group resolution 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 final review will be at the next work session.

Gates on City Streets West Point Housing Authority

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city's representing attorney Jeff Todd emailed him his opinion OCGA 36-30-10 (which prohibits a city from permitting anyone to place an obstruction in the street without express legislative authority) acts as a bar per the Housing Authority recommendation of the traffic barriers. He stated he advise the Housing Authority Board by letter that the city is precluded by law from allowing the installation of gates on a city street.

Inmate Housing Recommendation

Captain Robert Fawley gave a presentation for out sourcing the city's jail. His explanations included the current Operational Cost, Prisoner Medical Cost and Man Power Cost. He stated these cost continue to increase each year. If the City outsource the jail to Troup County it would cost \$40.00 a day for each prisoner, \$10.00 a day for Home Base Monitoring devices and some of these cost may be offset by additional fees such as a bonding fee of \$20.00 and other add on to fines for \$15.00.

Council Meeting Procedures

City Manager Ed Moon stated he email excerpts from the Handbook of Georgia Mayors and Council Members outlining Meetings Procedure, Organization and Public Participation. He stated the City of West Point has three meeting per month, two work sessions and one business meeting. Work session one is typically a meeting where information is first introduced and various speakers and presenters address the Mayor and City Council. He recommend work session one;

- Meeting called to Order
- Agenda reviewed in its entirety before discussion
- Public comment on Any Issue
- Presenters
- Old Business
- New Business
- Items for Work Session Two
- Mayor and Council Comments
- Public Hearings
- Adjourned

Work session two is to discuss items prior to the business meeting. He recommends work session two;

- Meeting Called to Order
- Agenda review in its entirety before discussion (if new items explain why on agenda)
- Public Comment on Agenda Items
- Agenda Items Reviewed
- Consider Items for Business Meeting (Create Business Meeting Agenda)
- Mayor and Council Comments
- Adjourned

The Business Meeting is designed to allow the Mayor and City Council to consider the items discussed in the previous work session for formal adoption or approval. He recommends Business Meeting;

- Meeting called to Order
- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
- Approval of the Financial Report
- Approval of the Order of the Agenda
- Old Business
- New Business
- Tabled Items
- Adjourned

Council Retreat

City Manager Ed Moon stated Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III requested setting up a Council Retreat. The retreat will address the overall operation of the city. He asked for some input for the proposed agenda, dates times ect.

Local Sales Taxes on Energy Used in Manufacturing Being Eliminated

City Manager Ed Moon stated 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 the 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.

Presentation of Natural Gas Public Awareness-Sammy Inman

City Utility Director Sammy Inman passed out the City of West Point 2012 Natural Gas Liaison and Emergency Preparedness Manual for Fire, Police, and Public Officials. He gave a presentation on procedures for establishing and maintaining adequate means of communication and liaison with the Public Officials, which included the Natural Gas Characteristics, Properties, Precautions, emergencies required notification, protocols for receiving emergency calls, government organizations and the Liaison acknowledgement letter.

Other Business

Mayor Ferguson stated Ms. Judy Murphy had passed and asked everyone to keep her family in our prayers.

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