



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 6, 2012 at 8:15 a.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:

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

Presentation by Len Williams, Housing Authority

Mr. Len Williams presented some security measures the Housing Authority Board wants to implement to make residents safer who live in the West Point Housing Authority. The plan includes traffic barriers, speed bumps, fencing, and cameras. He stated the speed bumps and cameras could be phase in at a later if the barriers do not take care of the problems. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider the Housing Authority proposal since the roads belong to the city. Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated she was against the measures. She stated it was the responsibility of the police department to maintain security within the housing authority.

Appoint two (2) Keep Troup Beautiful Board Appointments

Mayor Ferguson stated two people need to be appointed to the Keep Troup Beautiful Board at the next meeting. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson stated she had two nominees, Ms. Susan Barker and Mr. Elijah Marshall. If the candidates agree to serve their names will be presented at the next meeting.

Millage Rate Resolution

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated a resolution to set the 2012 Ad Valorem taxes at 9.592 Mills will be on the next agenda. The 9.592 will be a rollback from the 9.781 mills levied in 2011. The resolution for the 2012 levy for the City of West Point as follows:

Gross Levy as follows: 14.113 Mills
Local Option Sales Tax Credit 4.521 Mills
Effective Levy 9.592 Mills
City Tax for 2012 is recommended to be set at 9.592Mills.

Police Department Citizen Advisory Committee

City Manager Ed Moon presented the consolidated notes for the creation of the Police Advisory Group. He combined all of the recommendations received and created the notes. He stated a resolution could be drafted from the notes along with any other changes and be brought back to the board for consideration.

Water Conservation Plan Resolution

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes to the Water Conservation Plan Resolution since the last work session. The City of West Point need to implement a water conservation plan that will protect the natural resources of the City and comply with Georgia Environmental Protection Division guidelines for permitting surface water withdrawals. The City of West Point is requesting increasing the water withdrawals from 2.1 million gallons a day to 4.32 million. This resolution will be in compliance with the procedures for the request. A resolution will be on the next agenda for consideration.

De-Annexation Request

Mayor Ferguson stated Mr. Keith and Mrs. Kristie Hart have requested to de-annex 5.780 acres of land located at 164 Old Gabbettville Road. An ordinance will be on the next agenda for consideration.

Other Business

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated the first Bus Shelter concrete pad had been poured and thanked everyone for their generous donations.

Mayor Ferguson volunteered to conduct open forms with citizens to gain their input regarding the city's 2013 budget.

Councilmember Judy Wilkinson stated the Visitor's Center and Depot Board had discussed putting Flags up at the Depot but did not want the Flags to conflict with the Police department plans to put up flags for the Police Memorial.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs asked City Manager Ed Moon to review the city's retirement plan contribution projection to insure the city remain in compliance.

Councilmember Gloria Ramsey Marshall suggested the Mayor and Council have a retreat.

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