



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2026@5:30PM

West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on October 12, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Kevin Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell called the business meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2026, Work Session and September 14, 2026 Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Kevin Patrick read the September 2026 financial report:

General Government Revenue	5,650,426.62
General Government Expenses	770,061.71
Utilities Revenues	2,739,969.82
Utilities Expenses	2,989,064.91
Sanitation Revenue	43,144.32
Sanitation Expense	47,989.21
General Fund Balance 9/1/2026	2,864,569.16

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

Mayor Steve M. Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Development Authority Resolution

Mayor Tramell requested a motion to approve a Resolution for the Joint Development Authority. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to approve a Resolution for the Valley Partnership Joint Development Authority. The Joint Development Authority will bring surrounding counties together to collaborate on regional economic development efforts. Benefits of the partnership would include shared resources, job tax credits, a regional website presence, expanded demographic information for a larger region, marketing representation, a joint legislative delegation, coordinated grant requests, and reduced costs for certain services. There would be no cost to the city to participate. Next meeting the city will appoint two representatives to participate in quarterly meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **passed unanimously**.

New Audit Firm

Mayor Steve Tramell requested a motion to approve a New Audit Firm. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve hiring Williamson & Co. CPAs of Cartersville, Georgia, as the City's new independent audit firm. Williamson & Co. is an established accounting firm with publicly documented experience auditing Georgia governmental entities and school districts. The goal is to complete the outstanding audits and return the city to full audit compliance during 2027. The city's prior auditor Will Robinson, CPA, is transitioning his practice to audit preparation and consulting services and will assist the City with preparing its financial records. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

OTHER

Mayor Tramell reminded everyone that the General Election will be held on November 3, 2026. Early voting for Troup County will be held at the West Point Technology Training Center, 1122 O.G. Skinner Drive, on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and October 26 through October 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The ballot will include the West Point Homestead referendum.

Mayor Steve Tramell recognized Meghan Richardson, the city's Economic Development Director, for her handwork on the Project Hawkeye. Governor Brian P. Kemp announced that Hyundai Transys will invest nearly \$560 million to expand its manufacturing capabilities in West Point, Georgia. The company plans to create 320 new jobs as part of its ongoing efforts to support global automotive customers with operations in North America.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced that the Betty/LaGayle Foundation Annual Walk for a Cure will be held on October 25, 2026, at the Downtown West Point Pavilion. Councilmember Thornton further announced that W. Lee Mortuary's Fall Festival will be held in November and is seeking sponsorships and volunteers.

ADJOURN

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kristin Lester, City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell, Mayor