



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2026@5:30PM

West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on September 14, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Kevin Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Travis Porter Sr. Pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church 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 10, 2026, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Joel B. Finlay read the August 2026 financial report:

General Government Revenue	297,175.59
General Government Expenses	796,930.22
Utilities Revenues	1,406,769.58
Utilities Expenses	1,067,462.57
Sanitation Revenue	40,596.59
Sanitation Expense	43,111.07
General Fund Balance 8/1/2026	2,918,685.93

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **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

Resolution for Sale of Property at West 12th Street

Mayor Tramell requested a motion to approve a Resolution for sale of property at West 12th Street. Councilmember Kevin Patrick made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the sale of an abandoned portion of West 12th Street that has been determined to be no longer necessary for municipal purposes. The property is proposed to be sold to West Point GA, LLC for its fair market value of \$6,349.50, in addition to \$750.00 for the cost of the required survey. The purchaser shall be responsible for all legal and closing costs associated with the transaction. The property shall be conveyed by quitclaim deed, with the City reserving a perpetual utility easement. Notice was provided to adjoining property owners, and no other adjoining property owner expressed an interest in purchasing any portion of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joel Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

Mural Easement for West 8th Street

Mayor Steve Tramell recused himself from consideration of this matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Joel Finlay requested a motion to approve a mural easement for West 8th Street. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to approve a Public Art Easement Agreement with SESP Holdings 6 LLC for the installation and maintenance of a public art mural on the south-facing exterior wall of the building located on West 8th Street in Downtown West Point. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **passed unanimously**.

OTHER

Mayor Steve Tramell announced the passing of Carmen McCoy, wife of former City Clerk Richard McCoy. He asked everyone to keep Richard and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

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 ballet will include the West Point Homestead referendum.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced that the Team WHIP Community Health Fair and Walk for Cancer will be held on October 4, 2026, at the Lanett Regional Airport. She also 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.

Councilmember Thornton also expressed condolences on the passing of Dixie McCurry, wife of former Police Chief Johnny McCurry, and extended sympathy to the McCurry family and their friends during this difficult time.

Mayor Steve Tramell announced that Pete Bober's son is seeking sponsorships to participate in the New York City Marathon.

Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter congratulated the City of West Point Police Department and Communications Department on the recognition several employees received for their bravery and service. Officers and dispatchers were presented with the Silver Medal of Valor in recognition of their exceptional dedication and service to the community. Councilmember Ledbetter thanked the Chamber and event sponsors for hosting a wonderful evening honoring local first responders.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kristin Lester, City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell, Mayor