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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 5, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell 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

Members Absent:

**Agenda Reviewed**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and proceeded with the work session.

**Public Comments on any Item**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

- **Elect City Officers /Swearing in of elected City Officers**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell stated the Municipal Court Judge, City Recorder Pro-Tempore, Prosecuting Attorney, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, City Attorney, and Public Defender appointments that will be made at the next business meeting.

- **2016 Budget Amendment**

City Manager stated a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2016 Budget that was originally adopted, to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2016 will be on the next Council agenda. The unaudited actual revenues are \$19,991,343.29 and expenditures \$19,633,429.18.

- **2017 Board and Committee Appointments**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell reviewed the list of 2017 Board and Committee Appointments which included vacancies on the Board of Adjustments, Hawkes Library, Keep Troup Beautiful, West Point Historic Commission, and the West Point Development Authority.

- **Election Superintendent**

City Manager Ed Moon stated The Troup County Board of Elections will be on the next business agenda for consideration as the 2017 Election Superintendent for the City of West Point. He stated when the board was formed in 2012 there were some issues and problems that prompt the city to appoint City Clerk Richard McCoy. The city representatives on the board states they have since worked out the concerns so he is recommending naming the Troup County Board of Elections Superintendent for 2017.

- **Qualifying Fees for 2017 Municipal Election**

City Clerk Richard stated a resolution to establish qualifying fees for the 2017 Municipal Election will be on the next business agenda. State Law O.C.G.A. Sec. 21-2-131 requires election fees to be three percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the proceeding calendar year. The qualifying fee for the office of Mayor will be \$153.00 and \$90.00 for Council.

- **Council Meeting Dates and Times**

City Manager Ed Moon suggested not changing work session dates but changing the times from mornings to evenings. Currently the work sessions start at 8:15 a.m. Mr. Moon suggests changing the time to 5:15 p.m. Mr. Moon stated the item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

- **February Council Retreat**

City Manager Ed Moon asked the Council to submit some dates in February that will be convenient for them to have their annual retreat. The retreat normally is set around the second Friday in February.

- **West Point Development Authority Board Appointment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell asked if there were any discussion on the West Point development Authority Appointment. The vote on the appointment ended in a 3 to 3 tie at the last meeting. He also asked if they need to go in executive session to discuss the matter further. There was not a motion to go into executive session. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **Recognize Captain Guy Nickum and Captain Monica Nickum with the Salvation Army**

Councilmember Sandra stated Captains Guy Nickum and Monica Nickum were leaving the area and the West Point Council will recognize them at the next business meeting.

### **Consider Items for Business Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell reviewed the items on the next business agenda.

### **Mayor, Council, and othe Comments**

Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter stated the Council should consider a committee or some type of community involvement for Christmas Decoration downtown. He thanked everyone for helping who help decorate during this past Christmas.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned