



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall January 9, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. with Pro-Tem Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell called Captain Guy Nickum Jr. with the Salvation Army for opening prayer.

Boy Scout, Joel Fanning led the Pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Tramell thanked Harris County Commissioner Jim Wood and Troup County Commissioner Lewis Davis for their continue support and for their interest in attending the City of West Point council meetings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell called the meeting of the Mayor and City Council to order and welcomed everyone.

MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; the minutes were **approved unanimously without change.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter presented the December financial report with the January cash position and forecast and made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs and **passed unanimously**.

RECOGNIZE CAPTAIN GUY NICKUM AND CAPTAIN MONICA NICKUM WITH THE SALVATION ARMY

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Tramell and Councilmember Sandra Thornton presented Captain Monica Nickum and Captain Guy Nickum, Jr. Corps Officers with the Salvation Army with a plaque expressing sincere appreciation for their leadership, dedication and support of our citizens and community. Councilmember Sandra Thornton also thanked them for the work and support they gave toward the youth the City of West Point Youth Program.

APPOINTMENT CITY OFFICERS

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made a motion to appoint Wesley Leonard as Municipal Court Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to appoint Kenneth S. Rearden as City Recorder Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint a Mark Carlton as Prosecuting Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Jeffery M. Todd as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox made a motion to appoint Luther Jones as Public Defender. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OF ELECTED CITY OFFICERS

Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Tramell administered the oath of office to City Attorney and Assistant prosecuting Attorney Jeffery M. Todd.

City Attorney Jeffery M. Todd administered the oath of office to Municipal Court Judge Wesley Leonard, City Recorder Pro-Tem Kenneth S. Rearden, and Prosecuting Attorney Mark Carlton.

2016 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell asked for a motion to pass a resolution to amend the City of West Point 2016 Budget to reflect the actual total revenues and expenditures at the end of fiscal year 2016. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

Election Superintendent

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Troup County Board of Election as the Election Superintendent for the 2017 City of West Point Municipal Election. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

Qualifying Fees for 2017 Municipal Election

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox read a resolution in a form of a motion to set the qualifying fees for the 2017 Municipal Election. 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. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

Council Meeting Dates and Times

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to change the meeting time of the City of West Point Tuesday and Thursday work session from 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously.**

Appointment to the West Point Development Authority Board

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to appoint Wiky Gladden to a five (5) year term that will expire December 31, 2021 to the West Point Development Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed on a 3 to 2 vote Council members Joseph R. Downs III, Gerald W. Ledbetter,**

and Benjamin F. Wilcox voted Yes and Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall and Sandra Thornton voted no.

OTHER

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor Pro-Tem