



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall May 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on any Item

There were no public comments.

Presenters

- **Ashley Crane, Greater Valley Area Chamber of Commerce**

Ashley Crane Executive Director of the Greater Valley Area Chamber of Commerce gave an update of the Chamber's activities which included 35 new members joining in the past year, revised Mission Statement, revised Employee Policy Manual, re-established Chamber Committees, and Developing Shopping Guide. Ms. Crane thanked the Council for their support.

- **Robyn Underwood, 2016 City Audit**

J. Robyn Underwood presented the Council the 2016 City Audit. Ms. Underwood compared the 2016 audit financials to the 2006 audit financials. The General fund revenues were \$7.27 million in 2016, compared to \$2.53 million in 2006. In 2006, city utility funds transferred \$956,779 to the general fund, whereas in 2016 the general fund transferred out \$34,783 to the utility funds. Total city assets in 2016 are \$72.4 million, \$51.8 million more than in 2006. The net position for the city in 2016 was \$42 million, compared to \$14.4 million in 2006, an increase of 192 percent. She stated

the City finances is in sound condition and the City's Management is to be commended for meeting all financial obligations and liabilities without any loans for normal operations and also for decreasing the debt of the City.

New Business

- **Youth Center Lease**

City Manager Ed Moon stated an amendment to Restricted Use Lease Agreement for the premises located at 1128 O.G. Skinner Drive will be on the next agenda for consideration. Both parties wish to extend the lease agreement that will end December 2017.

- **Board & Committee Appointment**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Board Appointment for June, 2017 is for the Keep Troup Beautiful Committee. Tyrone Roberts has completed an application to serve on the board. The appointment will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

- **Meeting Dates**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there are other meeting that conflict with the June 22nd, July 6th, and the July 10th business meeting. He asked the Council to consider canceling the meeting. The meeting dates will be on the next meeting for further consideration.

- **FEMA Flood Insurance Study**

City Manager Ed Moon showed a map of the flood study that FEMA completed that is has created issues for anyone doing construction in the downtown area or any area that is included in the study. The city ordinance requires builders to build one foot above the flood level. FEMA has raised the flood level two feet. He stated we can challenge the model procedure but that could take years.

- **Inmate Workers**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the County voted to do away with the work crews. The City use them to cut right of ways and the cemetery. The decision will cost the City approximately \$266,000. The County has indicated they will be able to provide the City with one guard and six inmate crew. Mr. Moon will continue to work with the County to find a solution.

Consider Items for Work Session #2

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

Mayor, Council, and other Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Tramell stated the Juneteenth Celebration festival will begin with the June 9th concert in the West Point Downtown River Park featuring Brittany Avery & GP-38 Country/ Southern Rock Band. June 10th Unity 5K Run/Walk, June 16th PHD Jazz & Contemporary Pop Band and ending with the festival on the grounds of Goodsell U.M. C. 1009 N 6th Avenue Lanett. Al. He encouraged the Councilmembers and community to support the events.

There were no further comments.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton. **Passed unanimously.** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.