



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTER

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

Ashley Crane from the Greater Area Chamber of Commerce gave their quarterly report of the activities of the Chamber which included adding 14 new members, Customer Appreciation at Race Way, and Tourism Day at Welcome Center. The City of West Point was featured in the July/August 2018 Bird Watcher’s Digest. Another up- coming event is the Holiday Fest on the River, November 17 at the Downtown West Point River Park admission is free. Ms. Crane informed the Council of the partnership the Chamber formed with the Bradshaw Library to provide continuing education classes. The Universal Classes are free to anyone with a library card.

- **Shannon Lawson, Troup County Prevention Coalition**

Shannon Lawson with the Troup County Prevention Coalition stated the organization is a substance abuse coalition and she has been with them for ten years. They have partnered with West Point Police, LaGrange Police and Troup County to provide Drug Drop Off to properly dispose of old and unused medication.

NEW BUSINESS

- **WELLSTAR MEDICAL GROUP FAMILY PHYSICIANS REQUEST**

City Manager Ed Moon gave some background information on the temporary structure located 409 East 11th Street. He stated in August of 2006 Commercial Bank and Trust of LaGrange purchased the property for constructing a branch bank. The City approved a temporary modular structure. In 2013 CB&T requested and the City approved CB&T to remodel the facility for the operation of a West Georgia Health Physicians medical office. The term of the agreement was a three-year initial term and subject to a two-year extension. The extension was contingent upon the submittal of plans for construction of a permanent facility in West Point. Two additional years was intended for construction of the permanent facility. In August, 2017 WellStar requested an extension of the temporary structure permit until September 2018. The City granted the extension. In July 2018 WellStar has requested a two-year extension until September 30, 2020. After some discussion of the benefits WellStar provides to our citizens and all the extension that have been granted, the Council asked City Manager Ed Moon to engage with WellStar and have a representative come before the Council before they make a decision on the extension.

- **SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION & POLICY**

City Manager Ed Moon stated due to an increase in the number of large events in the City, staff is recommending a new Special Event Application and Policy. The current application does not collect or provide the needed detailed information. The new Special Event Application if approved will be used for large events in the Downtown River Park, on city streets or any other city property. The application will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

- **THREE APPOINTMENTS TO TREE BOARD**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The City has not received any applicants. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

- **TWO APPOINTMENTS TO KEEP TROUP BEAUTIFUL BOARD**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The City has not received any applicants. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned