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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

**Agenda Reviewed**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

• **PROPOSED STREET CLOSURE**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Avenue F no longer serves a public purpose and is not needed for private property access. The road is in poor condition and no longer considered safe for public use. Closing Avenue F will allow the development of the adjacent property will be able to make storm water improvements that will impact the adjacent properties.

• **FREEPORT RESOLUTION**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Georgia Department of Revenue does not have a copy of West Point’s resolution concerning Freeport, but has confirmed that the City passed a Freeport exemption referendum on November 7, 1978. The state has asked the City to borrow language of the Troup County form and pass a resolution to file with the state records. The resolution will be on the next agenda for consideration.

- **2019 BUDGET CALENDAR**

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the City of West Point 2019 Budget Calendar beginning with Tuesday, August 2, 2018 when the Budget request forms were distributed to Departments Directors, August 29, 2018 City Manager reviews the Budget Process with Council, August 29, 2018 through September 4, 2018 City Manager meets individually with Council members, September 4, 2018 Department Directors return and discuss their budget requests, September 5 through October 16, 2018 City Manager assembles budget request with revenue estimates, and compiles budget, October 23, 2018 City manager presents budget for consideration, run budget advertisement for public hearing to be held on November 8th at 5:30 pm follow by a Council work session, October 23, 2018 through November 16, 2018 Council review budget, submit questions and meet with City Manager, November 27, 2018 5:30 p.m. public hearing #2 for proposed budget, December 6, 2018 Final Council review at work session 5:30 p.m., December 10, 2018 City Manager present budget for adoption at 6:00 p.m. Council meeting, December 11, 2018 distribute the approved budget to departments, council, media, make available to the public, post on city website and the Carl Vincent Institute web site and January 1, 2019 Budget becomes effective.

- **MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION 2018**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the City of West Point 2018 net Property Tax Digest increased over the 2017 total of \$160,478,272 to \$168,359,096 providing a net increase of \$65,571. The staff recommends rolling the millage rate back from the 2017 rate of 9.303 to the state roll back rate of 9.257. The recommendation will be advertised and the item will be on the next business agenda for consideration. The five-year history will run in our local newspapers the week of September 1<sup>st</sup>. The resolution to set the 2018 millage rate to 9.257 will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> business agenda.

- **APPOINT MEMBER TO KEEP TROUP BEAUTIFUL AND TREE BOARD**

There were no changes from the last work session.

### **ADJOURN**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned