



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall September 6, 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

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

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 Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- **PROPOSED STREET CLOSURE**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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. The item will be on the next business meeting for consideration.

- **FREEPORT RESOLUTION**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. City Attorney Jeffrey Todd stated the Georgia Department of Revenue does not have a copy of West Point’s resolution concerning freeport, but has confirmed that the Cities and County 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 business agenda for consideration.

- **MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION 2018**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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 five-year history was advertised in our local newspapers the week of September 1st. The resolution to set the 2018 millage rate to 9.257 will be on September 10th business agenda for consideration.

- **OTHER**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the West Point Day was a success and more people attend than the 500 that were reported by the newspaper.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned