



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 8, 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:

Public Hearing 2019 Proposed Budget

Mayor Tramell open the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed 2019 City of West Point Budget. The total 2019 operating budget is \$19,518,495.

There were no public comments and the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Swearing in Police Officer**

Chief Donald Britt introduced Maxolee Cesar to the Mayor and Council. Judge Wesley Leonard administered the oath of office to Officer Maxolee Cesar swearing him in as a Police Officer in the West Point Police Department.

- **Nuisance Abatement Ordinance**

City Attorney Jeff Todd stated the ordinance will amend the code so as to revise and replace Article 11 of Chapter 5 of the code as to unfit structures; revise and adopt the State Authorized Building Program to combat the effects of nuisance properties within the city. To establish findings that requisite conditions exist within the City to warrant implementation of said program; to require compliance with State standards; to provide notice to persons affected; to provide for severability; to provide penalties; to repeal conflicting ordinances. The ordinance will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **E911 Resolutions**

City Attorney Jeff Todd stated during the 2018 Session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 751 and it was signed into law on May 7, 2018 that established the Georgia Emergency communications Authority as the coordinating body for 911 and emergency communications in the state and additionally, the legislation creates a new process by which all 911 fees are to be collected and remitted to local governments. With these changes to the processes, new 911 resolutions need to be adopted by local government that operates a public safety answering point (PSAP) per O.C.G.A. 46-5-134, the 911 fees collected by the service supplier and transmitted to the authority for distribution to local governments pursuant to Code Section 28-3-185 shall upon being received by a local government be deposited and accounted for in a separate restricted revenue fund known as the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by the local government. All such funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by O.C.G.A. 46-5-134(f). There will be two resolutions for consideration A resolution authorizing a 9-1-1 charge on prepaid wireless telephone service within the City of West Point and A Resolution authorizing a 9-1-1 charge on postpaid wireline, wireless, and voice over internet protocol (V.O.I.P) Telephone service within the City of West Point. The ordinance will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **2019 Proposed Budget Presentation**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the last work session. Each year the City Manager along with the Department Directors and staff prepare the annual budget. The total operating Proposed 2019 Budget is \$19,525,995 which includes; Gas \$1,397,375, Water & Sewer \$3,703,586, Electric \$6,434,894, General Fund \$6,140,040, SPLOST \$1,082,150, Sanitation \$452,000, and 911Communication \$315,950. Key elements of the 2019 Proposed Budget will include 2% COLA. The purchase of two police vehicles. There will be no Water, Sewer, Electric, or Gas rate increases.

- **Personnel Review Board**

The Personnel Review Board requires three citizens to serve on the board. City Manager Ed Moon stated there is an issue pending with an employee that will go before the Personnel Review Board. Currently there are some vacancies that need to be filled.

- **Executive Session for Personnel / Property**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and property. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

- **Other**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated they have two remaining Angels for someone to adopt to help a family for Christmas. She also stated her prayers were with the McCoy Family due to the death of Richard sister. She asked the Mayor and Council to join her in sending condolences to the family.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox 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