



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 27, 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 Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Benjamin F. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

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 Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTERS

ASHLEY CRANE, GREATER VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ashley Crane, GVACC Update

Ashley Crane, Executive Director of the Greater Valley Area Chamber of Commerce gave an update of the Chamber activities for the last quarter which included the Holiday Festival that was held on November 17th and 18th in the Downtown West Point River Park. She stated it was a huge success and thanked the Mayor and Council for their

support. She also stated the Chamber has a total of 265 members 69 are new members. The Chamber has moved their office in the old dentist office behind McDonalds in Valley.

NEW BUSINESS

- **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 911 Communication \$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.

- **Natural Gas Liaison Manuals**

Utility Director Sammy Inman gave the Mayor and Council a copy of the Natural Gas Liaison Manual. He stated state law require all elected officials to have a copy. They signed the signature page and gave it to Mr. Inman.

- **Other**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton asked the Mayor and Council to join in preparing the bags for Toys for Tots. The bagging will be on December 8, 2018.

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to cancel the December 6, 2018 work session. He stated the Valley Wide Parade will take place the night of the scheduled meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned