



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall March 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

Agenda Reviewed

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

Public Comments on any Item

There were no public comments.

Presenters

- **Mike Criddle Public Works**

Street and Sanitation Director Mike Criddle stated the City of West Point has partnered with Georgia EPD to properly dispose of waste and junk tires at no cost to city residents. The Tire Amnesty collection is free and funded by the City and Georgia Environmental Protection Division/Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Grant Program. Residents must provide proof of residence at time of drop off by presenting a driver’s license and current utility bill with matching addresses. The drop-off location is 1506 Hwy 29 beginning May 13-17, 2019 from 8:00a.m. -5:00 p.m.

New Business

- **Boards and Committees**

Assistant to the City Manager Kristin Lester stated 2019 Board Appointments for March, include Board of Adjustments Rodger Bailey term expire 3/5/2019, Hawkes Library Debra Robertson and Larry Duncan terms expire 3/01/2019, and the Municipal Planning Board Trudye Johnson and Kevin Patrick terms expire 3/15/2019. Trudye Johnson and

Kevin Patrick have applied to continue on the board. There are two vacancies for the Keep Troup Beautiful and Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter is interested in filling one. The West Point Tree Board still has 3 vacancies if there is any interest please have them apply at City Hall.

- **Harris County Inmate Work Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the City currently utilizes an inmate work detail from the Troup County Sheriff's Office. Since Troup County closed its State inmate facility, City Staff has looked for a better solution to the loss of labor. Contact was made with Harris County to determine if the City could enter into an agreement between Harris County and the City of West Point for a Harris County inmate work detail. The City Manager met with Harris County Manager and the Prison Warden and it was determined that Harris County can provide a detail crew up to 8 inmates and one correctional officer that will assist the City of West Point with facilities maintenance, trash pick-up, grass cutting and minor maintenance. The crew will be assigned to the public works department. The agreement will cover the cost of the correctional officer and \$10.00 per day per inmate.

- **Troup County Hazard Mitigation plan**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Troup County's 2018 Hazard Mitigation updated plan was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in January 2019 and was also approved by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) in 2018. Fire Chief Milton Smith and Public Works Director Mike Criddle worked with the County and Cities to update the plan. The Hazard Mitigation plan assesses natural and man-made hazards that can potentially affect your community and identifies mitigation actions that can be taken ahead of time to lessen the impact of that disaster. The Mayor and Council will have to adopt a resolution adopting the plan along with the other Cities and County. The plan will have to be updated every five years.

- **House bill 302**

City Manager Ed Moon stated HB 302 Restricting Building Design Standards bill fundamentally redefines the term zoning to exclude regulation of building design standards of any kind and prohibits enactment of any ordinance that imposes design standards on one and two-family dwellings, with certain exceptions related to historic districts and manufactured homes. GMA and ACCG are vigorously opposing the bill. The bill will take away local control of design standards for homes. Staff recommends the Mayor and Council adopt a resolution opposing the Bill. Rick Jefferies representing Ben Turnipseed stated HB 302 has been pulled and will not be presented before the House at this time for consideration.

- **Amendment to Sewer ordinance**

Utility Director Sammy Inman and Rick Jefferies with Ben Turnipseed stated they were recommending changes to Section Chapter 13 section 13-36 Use of Public sewers;

Prohibited Discharges Requirements. Such as Section 9-c. Admission into public sewers of any water or waters having (1) a five-day biochemical oxygen demand greater than two (changing to three hundred) milligrams per liter and (1) reduce the biochemical oxygen demand from two to (three) milligrams per liter and the suspended solids to 200 milligrams per liter previous work session.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked Kristin Lester and everyone who help with the Black History Program.

Mayor Tramell asked everyone to Join employees with KIA on Saturday, March 9, 2019 beginning at 9:00 am for clean up West Point Day. They will be cleaning 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th street.

Mayor Tramell also asked everyone to pray for the people in Lee County Al, Harris County GA and other surrounding communities that was affected by the tornadoes this week end. A truck with supplies will be leaving from the Fuller Center Saturday at 10:00 am.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Sandra Thornton 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