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

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember “Henry” Hutchinson  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Deedee Williams

**Public Hearing 2020 Proposed Budget**

Mayor Tramell open the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed 2020 City of West Point Budget. The total 2020 budget is \$19,367,071.

**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 Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

- **Proclamation Miracle for Myers**

Mayor Steve Tramell read a Proclamation for the Miracle for the Myers Weekend. The Proclamation is recognizing the Christian Service Center for their selfless work of feeding, clothing, and loving the poor and indigent families in our community. The Center was founded by Cheryl and Hermon Myers, their children, and a small army of committed volunteers who knows crisis and financial difficulties can strike anyone at any time. Mayor Tramell presented the Proclamation to Christy & Eddy Myers.

- **2020 Proposed Budget Discussion**

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. This year the process began on August 21, 2019 and will be presented for adoption on December 9, 2019. The total Proposed 2020 Budget is \$19,367,071 which includes General Fund \$6,115,264, Electric \$6,354,000, Water & Sewer \$3,689,127, Gas \$1,430,700, E-911 \$332,780, \$526,900 Sanitation, and SPLOST \$918,300. The budget includes a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and an increase in trash pickup from \$4.32 to \$5.00. City Manager Ed Moon responded to Councilmember Gloria Marshall question about library funding. City Manager Ed Moon stated the funding for the libraries would remain the same. The first public hearing was held tonight Thursday, November 7, 2019. There will be another 2020 Proposed Budget public hearing on November 26, 2019.

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

Mayor Tramell thanked all the candidates who participated in the November 5, 2019 City of West Point Municipal Election.

Mayor Tramell stated Veterans Day is Monday November 11, 2019. He recognized all the Veterans and thanked them for their service.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Salvation Army Toys for Tots had forty-nine families to sign up in West Point representing ninety-two children. She asked for volunteers to bags the toys and to ring the kettle bell. She also asked people sponsor toys for a child. They can do this by adopting an angel.

Councilmember Thornton also stated the children at West Point Elementary would like for the Mayor and Council to consider having a Council meeting at the school. The Council expressed a willingness to have a meeting at the school.

Troup County will host a meeting at the West Point Technology Center to on November 18, 2019 to discuss the Parks and Recreation Master Plan everyone is invited.

Mayor Tramell stated the Thanksgiving Dinner for needy families will take place again this year on Thanksgiving Day beginning at 10:30. The will again be on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and MLK.

Mayor Tramell stated the Mayor and Council November 11, 2019 scheduled meeting will be canceled due to no Business agenda items.

## **ADJOURN**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.