



The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

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 Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on Any Items

Mrs. Doris Fears stated she lives on MLK Drive and she asked the Mayor and Council to address the large Trucks that are traveling through her neighborhood. MLK Drive is zoned residential.

New Business

• **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 on November 7, 2019. The Budget will be on the next business agenda for consideration to adopt.

- **Mayor and Council Comments**

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 stated their will be a drawing for a family of five to stay at Great Lakes Lodge for volunteers ringing the kettle bell. Johnny' New York Pizza has agreed to allow the bell ringing outside of their business.

- **Special Call Meeting**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to enter into a Special Called Meeting to consider the purchase of land. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion and second by Councilmember Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously**

ADJOURN

Councilmember Sandra Thornton 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.