



City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.

Via teleconference

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held by Teleconference November 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Trammell presiding.

Members Participated:

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

Members Non-Participate:

Public Hearing for the 2021 Proposed City of West Point Budget

Prior to the Work Session Mayor Trammell open a public hearing to hear input concerning the proposed 2021 City of West Point Budget. There were no public comments. Mayor Trammell closed the public hearing.

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Trammell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **Public Works Director**

Mayor Steve Trammell stated there were no changes from the previous work session. Roderick Palmer became Interim Public Works Director in early August 2020. Since then, he has met the challenges of payroll, purchasing, budgeting, and the work order system. He has proven himself to be an excellent leader in the interim position. City Manager Ed Moon stated he is recommending the Mayor and City Council appoint Roderick Palmer as the Public Works Director. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **Sale of City property East 7th Street (Alley)**

Mayor Steve Tramell stated there were no changes since the last work session. City Staff is recommending the obsolete dirt alley located on East 7th Street be released from the City's road and street inventory. He stated a draft agreement has been made with the adjacent property owners for the City to relinquish the non-conforming alley to the property owners. Mr. Eric and Amber Sanborn have agreed to acquire Tract 3-the alley for the assessed value of the parcel. The unpaved alley does not meet the City's standards for a street and is not necessary for City traffic. Staff recommends the Council release from the City's road and street inventory this obsolete dirt alley. The property owner(s) along the city-owned alley is willing to acquire the property at an evaluated price for a total of \$340.22. This will be a major step to bring the 301 E7th Street more compliant with the City zoning ordinance by establishing one resident per parcel or tract. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if there is a historical district on the East Side. City Manager Ed Moon stated there is no local historic district on the East Side of town.

- **2021 Proposed Budget Presentation**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes to the 2021 Proposed Budget from the previous 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 19, 2020 and will be presented for adoption on December 14, 2020. The total Proposed 2021 Budget is \$18,131,374 which includes General Fund \$5,942,550, Electric \$6,324,000, Water & Sewer \$3,634,224, Gas \$1,369,200, E-911 \$335,150, and \$526,250 Sanitation. The budget includes a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and a 2% increase in Water, Sewer and a small increase in Garbage and Trash. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked was there a document that consolidates the entire budget and were there any other funds that is not budgeted such as the Forward Fund. City Manager Ed Moon stated he would send out a listing of the unbudgeted funds.

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announced Wednesday, November 18th the Mayor and her will be at Chick-fil-A for the Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway. The turkeys will be given to the seniors at the West Point Active Center.

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson stated on Monday night at 7:30 he would be taking some Dixie Youth to Callaway Stadium to represent West Point in a tournament. He asked for the Council support.

Mayor Tramell stated Tuesday, November 24th at 5:30 there will be another public hearing for the City's 2021 Budget.

Mayor Tramell also announced the Thanksgiving Day Dinner for needed residents will take place again this year beginning at 11:00 o'clock on the vacant lot MLK and 10th Street and he also stated donations were welcome.

Items on the agenda for the Business Meeting Monday November 9 @ 5:30pm via teleconference

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to adopt two items for the next Business Meeting. The Public Works Director, and the Sale of City Property on East 7th Street. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

Adjourn

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III 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