



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 24, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
Via teleconference

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held via teleconference August 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria R. Marshall made said motion. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Announcement from the Mayor and City Council concerning COVID 19
Based on information from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention the Mayor and City Council of the City of West Point urge everyone to take action to protect themselves and others from COVID -19. COVID – 19 is spreading quickly in our community in both Alabama and Georgia. The mayor and city council urge everyone to take all possible measures to protect yourself and those around you from this deadly virus.

Public Comments on any issue

There were no public comments.

Presenter

Mrs. Crowder with Life Tips 4 Teens introduced herself to the Mayor and City Council. Their mission is to prepare the youth for success by teaching life skills, soft skills, social skills, responsibility, financial literacy, goal setting etc. Our expectations are for them to obtain the highest level of potential in all areas of their lives.

New Business

- **City Manager Update**

2021 Resurfacing Program. Falcon Design gave us an estimated cost on 4th Avenue (Stateline Road to West 8th), 7th Street (4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue), Avenue C (7th Street to Francolyn Terrace), Avenue E (7th Street to Teal Road), East 7th Street (Avenue E to MLK), Avenue D (10th Street to East 8th Street), East 11th Street (Avenue D to Highway 29), Pine Street (Highway 29 to Maple Street), and Neal Street (Highway 29 to end of street). 2.17 miles, estimated \$967,000. SPLOST funds to pay for the project. Placed out to bid in spring of 2022. Councilmember Deedee Williams ask if we can add streets to the list for paving. City Manger Ed Moon mentioned that SPLOST V is allocated for the current amount of the project. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if we pave annually? City Manager Ed Moon stated we do budget yearly for patching/paving.

Sewer taps. All sewer taps connected to West Point sewer system prior to 2009 are owned by the customer. 2009 Mayor and Council approved sewer taps from the main to the property line to be paid for by the customer and maintained by the city. Cost for sewer service tap is \$1,500. Councilmember Deedee Williams asks to consider for possible change in procedure.

2022 Budget Calendar. Department Directors have been asked to submit their requests. City Manager Ed Moon will answer any questions or requests that are submitted prior to September 15. Between September and October dates City Manager Ed Moon will assemble the budget. October 26, 2021, the budget will be presented to the council for their first review. Public Hearings will be held November 4 and November 23.

Revised Water Withdrawal Permit from Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Utility Director Sammy Inman stated the water intake has been increased by EPD, two million to four million gallons. Increase will help the city with future economic development needs. Secures our future going forward as far as what we can provide. Councilmember Sandra Thornton thanked Sammy Inman for working hard to get this request completed for the city.

Councilmember Gloria Marshall asked for update on what project is at Highway 18 and Exit 2. City Manager Ed Moon stated that is a Department of Transportation project for Long Cane Creek bridge and Roundabouts at both exit ramps, plus Highway 18 and 103. There will be some lane closures but they will keep traffic open at all time.

Councilmember Deedee Williams Training Facility in Harris County. City Manager Ed Moon stated we are working with Harris County attorney to get the issue resolved.

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked for update on Soul Program. City Manager has had some communication but there is still an agreement that needs to be agreed on if the program moves forward.

- **Millage Rate**

City Manager Ed Moons stated based on the state millage rate the city is required to roll back the millage rate from 8.971 to 8.818 to avoid tax increase on none reassessed properties. The roll back with create a reduced revenue of \$217,000. City Staff does recommend the council approves the 8.818 millage rate for 2021. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **MLK & 10th Street Intersection Improvements**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city opened bids for this project on July 23, 2021. The project low bidder, Lumin8 Transportation Technologies, LLC. Provided a legitimate bind bond, all the other required documentation, and is a Pre-Qualified Contractor for GDOT projects. Both Piedmont Paving and JHC also meet the qualification but did not submit the lowest bid. Staff recommends that the project be awarded to Lumin8 Transportation Technologies based on the bid they submitted for a total project completion cost of \$478,372.83. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further discussion.

- **Glovis Memorandum of Understanding**

Rob McKenna, West Point Development Authority Attorney, recommends the council approve the memorandum of understanding from Glovis, on the building and equipment. Project located on Webb Bartley Road. \$25 million construction project. Creating 70 new jobs in the new facility. Troup County Board of Commissioners and Troup County School Board will also be executing the agreement soon. Further discussion included Council receiving calls from Residents that are concerned about increased traffic, buffers, and noise. Council is trying to help with communicating to residents. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **Loader Truck**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city Public Works Department provides sanitation for leaf, limb, and trash collection. The sanitation crew is made up of four personnel and two say car loader trailers pull by trucks. The two unit are in service five days a week. The units are well beyond their expected service life. One is 2004 model and the other is 1997 model. Both units require CDL license to operate. Due to the condition of the current equipment the Public Works Department is requesting the purchase of one new loader truck. The new loader truck will be below the required weight limit for CDL license which will assist with hiring and retaining employees. The loader truck can be operated by one person if the need arises. Purchase of one loader truck from the state contract bid list from Peterson Industries for the cost of \$177,185. Funding for the purchase will be from Troup County SPLOST V funds. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **Commercial Dumpsters**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city bills twenty-six commercial dumpster customers. These customers are collected by AMWASTE. Each commercial customer may select their own commercial dumpster contractor. They are not required to use the city service as they do with garbage cart pickup. There is no benefit to the city, the customer or AMWASTE for the city to continue to collect payment for commercial dumpsters. Staff request that all commercial dumpster customers who are currently receiving service from AMWASTE and billed by the city be turned over to AMWASTE for billing. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **Sidewalk Project**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city received bids on August 20, 2021, from Piedmont Paving and JBC Contractors, LLC. Both bidders submitted all the required documents for the bid. It is our recommendation that the project be awarded to JBC Contractors based on the bid they submitted for a total project completion cost of \$239,170.05. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **Troup County Fire Automatic Aid Agreement**

Fire Chief Milton Smith stated August 2016 Troup County and the City of West Point entered into a structure fire mutual aid agreement that is still valid today. The new agreement before includes 2021 territory. Troup County will include areas in city limits and West Point will include up Highway 29, Shoemaker Road, Webb Road, and Amhurst and Webbway subdivision. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

VOTE on State of Georgia Fiscal Recovery Fund

Mayor Steve Tramell stated the next item is for consideration by the mayor and city council at this meeting. Action is required due to the application deadline of August 31, 2021. The city staff has recommended that the mayor and city council make an application for \$3,000,000 to replace the city raw water intake. The project will meet the requirements of the fund and benefit every West Point water user. Do I hear a motion to approve the city staff and Turnipseed Engineers to move forward with an application to the State of Georgia Fiscal Recovery Fund for \$3,000,000 to replace the cities raw water intake? Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

Executive Session to discuss Personnel

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**. There will be no vote on this item tonight.

Agenda for Work session Meeting September 9, 2021

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the September 9, 2021, work session agenda which included Millage Rate, MLK & 10th Street Intersection Improvements, Glovis MOU, Loader Truck, Commercial Dumpsters, Sidewalk Project, and Troup County Fire Automatic Aid Agreement; Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton expressed her gratitude for all the overwhelming response to her winning 2021 Ms. Senior Georgia Pageant. Also, City of Lanett invites everyone to the Firework Show located in the old Lanett mill parking lot, Saturday September 4th at 8:30 PM.

Adjourn

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter 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