



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.
Via teleconference

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held via teleconference September 9, 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. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on agenda item

Ms. Barbara Hale who lives at 1300 Webb Bartlett Road stated she was 84 years old, and her family has owned the property where she resides all her life. She stated she was disappointed paying taxes and her voice have not been heard. She has learned that when rezoning property, the property should be advertised and posted for the citizens to have an opportunity to voice their concerns. She stated property was never posted and advertised of the rezoning. She also stated the only Councilmember who has shown any concern is Councilmember Deedee Williams. The project Ms. Hale is in opposition to is the \$25 million construction project by Glovis. The Mayor thanked Ms. Hale for her comments.

New Business

• **Millage Rate**

Mayor Tramell stated there were no changes from the previous work session. The state calculation requires the city to roll back the millage rate from 8.971 to 8.818 to avoid tax increase on none reassessed properties. The roll back will create a reduced revenue of \$217,000. City Staff recommends the council approves the 8.818 millage rate for 2021. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

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

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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 business meeting agenda.

- **Glovis Memorandum of Understanding**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from previous work-session. 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. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated sympathize with citizens such as Ms. Hale when noise from construction is constant from early in the morning until late at night. He stated the city should come up with an agreement with the contractors or an ordinance that will prohibit construction when the area is populated with residents from around 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. He also stated the Council should make developers follow through with true buffers between the residential property and the business. The item will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **Loader Truck**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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 business agenda for consideration.

- **Commercial Dumpsters**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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. Councilmember Henry

Hutchinson stated he hope the transfer of the commercial dumpsters to AMWASTE will be smoother than the transfer of the garbage and that there will not be a lower level of service. The item will be on the next business agenda for further consideration.

- **Sidewalk Project**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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 business agenda for consideration.

- **Troup County Fire Automatic Aid Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there were no changes from the previous work session. 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 Webb-way subdivision. The item will be on the next business meeting agenda for consideration.

Agenda for Business Meeting September 9, 2021

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the September 9, 2021, business meeting agenda which included Millage Rate, MLK & 10th Street Intersection Improvements, Glovis MOU, Loader Truck, Commercial Dumpsters, Sidewalk Project, Troup County Fire Automatic Aid Agreement and West Point Fire Chief.

Other

Adjourn

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**