



City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

Via teleconference

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held via teleconference September 28, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter

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 Henry Hutchinson; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on any item

There were no public comments.

Presenters

There were no presenters.

New Business

- City Manager Update

City Manager Ed Moon gave an update on the calming devices surveys that was sent out to residents in the areas of E 6th Street, E 7th Street and 9th Street. He stated most of the surveys are in favor of stop signs to control the traffic. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about overgrown rubbish around the stop signs. City Manager Ed Moon stated concerns of that nature may be called in to customer service at city hall. The bids for the sidewalk improvement project are due November 12th. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if something could be done about the discoloration of the sidewalks when the new sections are put in. She stated it looked like patch work. Mr. Moon stated the city could consider using stain in the concrete. City Manager Ed Moon stated there were three garbage cans that were not picked up on Friday and they were picked up Monday. The Web-Bartley Project is still under way. There was a report of a cable being cut. Troup County will maintain and keep possession of the road.

- **Retirement Resolution for Fire Chief Milton Smith**

Mayor Tramell read a resolution and presented it to Fire Chief Milton Smith thanking him for over thirty-four years of service with the City of West Point Fire Department. Milton Smith will retire on October 1, 2021. Chief Smith thank the Mayor and Council and the citizens of West Point for allowing him to serve the citizens of our area.

- **Water Tank Logo**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the decision to stop re-lettering the City of West Point water tanks was made to reduce the maintenance cost. The Kia Water tank was lettered because the cost was paid by KIA. Some citizens have indicated they would raise money to pay for the lettering. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson suggested having a logo place on the tanks and have the citizens input on choosing the logo. The estimated cost of lettering the tanks is \$5,000. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further discussion.

- **Forward Fund Application from West Point Housing Authority Villages Phase I**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the Grant Application for road improvements for the WPHA Villages Phase I was accepted and approved in 2014. The \$250,000 request from the City of West Point would be paid out of SPLOST. The estimated total cost of the improvements \$771,000. The remainder will be paid by the Housing Authority and the West Point Development Authority. The 2014 Penrose Application was sent to the Mayor and Council for transparency. They will need the approval of GDOT, HUD, and the Core of Engineers. Brian Thomas stated it was a comprehensive plan which includes community Garden, Wellness Center, and Computer Lab. expected start is first quarter of 2022. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further discussion.

- **Kia Water Tank Christmas Decorations**

City Manager Ed Moon stated KIA Motors has requested permission to decorate the City's Water Tank during the Christmas holidays. Utility Director Sammy Inman stated the decorations will not interfere with the service of the tank. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

- **Rezoning for Arrowhead Drive and Sunset Drive, 80 Sandtown Road, and 44 Sandtown Road**

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated the three rezoning will change the property from commercial to residential. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson asked about buffers. City Planner Dennis Dutton stated there were no buffers for residential property.

- **EZ Blockchain Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city have received a request from a Mining Company that deals with Crypto currency (Bit Coin). The City of West Point will provide electricity for the company for two sites. The sites are consisted with the city's zoning. Walter West stated the digital currency uses

computers to validate the transactions 24 hours per day. ECG will handle the billing. The project will begin as soon as the City of West Point can provide service. The electric load will increase the amount of electricity sold, that will also increase the returns for electric sales. The item will be on the next work session agenda for further consideration.

Agenda for October 7, 2021, Work session

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the October 7, 2021, work session agenda which includes Water Tank Logo, Forward Fund Application from West Point Village Phase I, Kia Water Tank Christmas Decorations, EZ Blockchain Agreement

Other

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned due to technical difficulties with the zoom connections.