



City of West Point
Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 5:30
Via Teleconference

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 8, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Alanteo “Henry” Hutchinson
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2021 Meeting. Councilmember Gerald Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Henry Hutchinson; The motion **passed unanimously**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Tramell stated the financial report for approval is in the Council packet. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the October 2021 Financial report. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

RECOGNITION ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR SAFETY AWARD

The Mayor and Council recognize Utilities Director Sammy Inman, Kerry Wright, Jason Fulghum, and Brandon Hackle for receiving the Jeff Cook Safety Excellence award from Electric Cities. Mayor Tramell thanked them for all the work they do for the citizens of West Point.

Agenda Reviewed

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion. Councilmember Deedee Williams; seconded the motion; **passed unanimously**

Public Comments on agenda items

There were no public comments.

New Business

- **HARRIS COUNTY BUSINESS PARK EXPANSION**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve the Harris County Business Park Expansion. The project consists of building a road and infrastructure to service a mass graded 35 acre parcel within 90 acres to provide the most efficient site layout and design as possible. The city will pay for the estimated cost of \$639,000 for the water and sewer. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

- **ELECTRIC CITIES OF GEORGIA JOINT PURCHASING**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve amending Electric cities of Georgia number 3 of the Joint purchasing Service. The annual cost of the JP Service shall be allocated to each participant confirming its agreement to receive the JP Service for a physical year. The cost for the city is \$765,000 for budget year July 1, 2022, through July 1, 2023. Councilmember Deedee Williams made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously.**

- **BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Marshall Sapp and Jane Fuller to 3-year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

- **VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY USE 1111 2ND AVENUE**

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to approve a variance for property use at 111 2nd to be used for residential. The property is owned by Steve Tramell. Councilmember Deedee Williams seconded the motion. The motion **passed 3 to 0 vote. Mayor Steve Tramell abstained.**

TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to place calming devices (all way stop signs) areas Avenue C & E 7th Street, MLK Drive and Hatchet Street, Avenue K and E 9th Street, and E 6th Street and Beallwood Drive. Councilmember Henry Hutchinson made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**

PROPERTY REZONING

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request from General Commercial to R-1A Residential for parcel # 0944C006012 on Arrowhead Drive. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Council Henry Hutchinson. During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams asked the process for Re-zoning property. City Manager Ed Moon stated the city notifies the county, the property is posted, advertised, have a public hearing, and adopt the request at an open meeting. He stated the process for the proposed property rezoning have been properly carried out. The motion **passed unanimously**.

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request from General Commercial to R-1A Residential for parcel # 0944C006011 on Arrowhead Drive. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Council Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request from General Commercial to R-1A Residential for parcel # 0770000028B on Sandtown Road. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Council Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to approve a rezoning request from General Commercial to R-1A Residential for parcel # 0770000028F on Sandtown Road. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Council Henry Hutchinson; **passed unanimously**

Other

Councilmember Henry Hutchinson asked if the Council meeting were being broadcast live on YouTube. Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if the previous meeting could be converted from Facebook to YouTube. She stated if the meeting could be converted it would be a great benefit to have.

Adjourn

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor