



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Monday, February 1, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Via teleconference

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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held via teleconference February 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay  
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall  
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

**Non-Agenda Presenters**

Mrs. Barbara Hale 1300 Webb-Bartley Road stated her power was off for several hours. Her driveway was damage and she want someone to repair. The power was not interrupted for natural causes. It was due to the construction across from her property. There is trash blowing in her yard. She wants someone to come and pick the trash up that blew in her yard. Mayor Tramell thanked Mrs. Hale for her comments.

**Review Agenda**

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**

**Presenter**

There were no presenters.

**New Business**

• **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the loan closing for the SIP Café and Wine Room took place on January 28, 2022. The restaurant is expected to open in April. The Street paving for 2022 consist of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue C, Avenue E, East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Avenue D, Neal Street, MLD, Ridgewood Dr, Arrowhead Dr, and Highland Dr. The Street paving is funded with SPLOST, General Fund, and LMIG totaling \$1.1 million. The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park is complete except the playground, sidewalks are going in at the City Park, preconstruction meeting February 2, 2022, for 10<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project. Today February 2, 2022, marked the first official Kia Sportage to be produced in West Point. Only a few representatives from the City of West Point were invited to the event.

## **Water Tank Logo**

City Manager Ed Moon stated there is a Power Point in the council package showing several City Logos. After the discussion most of the Council seem to favor the City of West Point Logo facing 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **West Point Elementary School Renaming**

City Manager Ed Moon stated he had met with the Superintendent of Troup County Schools about the process of renaming the West Point Elementary School after Mrs. Zelma Brock. He has only received one letter. The family of Mrs. Brock is going to send a letter with their signatures before the deadline. The deadline for signatures is February 14, 2022. Mr. Moon stated the Mayor and Council can pass a resolution with all Council members signatures and present to the School Board showing the Mayor and Council support of the re-naming.

## **Service Tap Cost**

City Manager Ed Moon stated to cover the cost of materials, City Staff recommends the following increases for water taps:

¾ inch water tap fee from \$990.00 to \$1,550

1-inch water tap fee from \$1,100 to \$1,750

Duplex water taps ¾ inch from \$ 1,200 to \$1,950

2-inch water tap from \$2,800 to \$4,650

4-inch sewer tap from \$1,500 to \$2,550

All other taps will be contractor price for materials, equipment, and labor.

There was some discussion on giving incentives for residential residents to move into West Point.

The item will be on the next agenda for consideration.

## **1006 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue property**

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated Point University owns the property at 1006 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Point wishes to use the property for residential use. Since the property is on one level in the CBD, the mayor and council must approve the usage. The property does not have to go before the Historic Preservation Committee because there are no plans to alter the outside structure. The item will be on the next agenda for consideration.

## **Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission Board Member Application.**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the city has received one application form Mr. Jamie Welch requesting to serve on the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission Board. The application will be on the next business agenda for further consideration.

## **EZ Blockchain Lease**

The Mayor and Council discuss leasing the property to EZ Blockchain for another electric pod. There were some discussions on the current contract. City Manager Ed Moon stated this is independent of the current contract. The item will be on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

## Agenda for February 14, 2022, Meeting

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda for the February 2022, business meeting.

- Water Tank Logo
- West Point Elementary School Renaming
- Service Tap Cost
- 1006 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Property
- Troup County parks and Recreation Commission Board Member
- EZ Blockchain Lease

## Other announcements

Councilmember Sandra Thornton announce the Black History Program will be February 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. This year the program will be virtual. Councilmember Thornton asked for sponsors for the program.

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about the removal of trees on Kia Parkway. City Manager Ed Moon stated the trees were removed because they became a hazard for passing vehicles.

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to enter a closed meeting to discuss property acquisition. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**. Mayor Tramell stated there will not be any voting action tonight only discussion.

## Adjourn

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.