



**City of West Point**  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 14, 2022 @ 5:30 PM  
Via teleconference

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held by Teleconference February 14, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Steve Tramell gave the opening prayer.

**Proclamation for National School Counseling Week**

Mayor Tramell read a Proclamation Naming National School Counseling Week in the City of West Point.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **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 January Financial report. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Deedee Williams; **passed unanimously.**

**AGENDA**

Mayor Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay and **passed unanimously.**

### **WATER TANK LOGO**

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to paint the lettering “City of West Point Georgia” on the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Water Tank as discussed and presented to the Mayor and Council at the previous work session. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

### **WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENAMING**

Mayor Tramell stated in the previous meeting the Council discussed making a request to rename West Point Elementary School. The Council has received over 350 letters of support with many of them with multiple signatures supporting the renaming. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to request by resolution from the Mayor and Council of West point to the Troup County Board of Education to rename the West Point Elementary School in honor of Zelma Brock. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **motion passed unanimously**.

### **SERVICE TAP COST**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the tap fee increase to cover the cost of materials for the service with 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.

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she was in favor of increasing the fees for Commercial, but the Residential cost should stay where they are. She stated she was not in favor in raising the cost on citizens. The motion **passed unanimously**.

### **1006 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE PROPERTY REQUEST FOR RESIDENTIAL USE**

Mayor Tramell stated the Mayor and Council have the authority under Section 11 of the code of ordinance to allow by application the use of commercial property in the central business district be used for residential purposes on the street level. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve an application from Point University to utilize the property located at 1006 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for residential use on the street level. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

**TROUP COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION BOARD  
MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

Councilmember Deedee Williams made a motion to appoint Jamie Welch to fill a one-year unexpired term on the Troup County Parks and Recreation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

**EZ BLOCKCHAIN LEASE**

Mayor Tramell stated EZ Blockchain is a crypto mining company. The company has existing operations in the city and has a utility purchase contract with the city for electricity. EZ Blockchain is expanding its operation in the city and is requesting to lease .70 acres of city property of Old West Point Road. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a 3-year lease in the amount of \$900.00 per month between the City of West Point and EZ Blockchain for .70 acres of property. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

**OTHER**

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Black History Program will be virtual this year. If any one is interested in participating or help sponsor the event. They may contact her. The program will be February 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy

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Steven M. Tramell