



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall July 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Issue

There were no Public Comments.

New Business

• **2022 Millage Rate**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated there are three documents in your council packet. The PT32.1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback, the 5-year history, and a resolution. The PT32.1 shows the combine tax values for Troup and Harris County within the city limits. The net 2022 digest for the City of West Point 250,694,920. The City of West Point 2021 millage rate was 8.818. Due to the reassessment of property, the PT-32-1 Computation recommends a rollback millage rate for the 2022 digest to 8.337. The City Staff recommends rolling the rate back to 8.337 and that will reduce taxes on our citizens. Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she recommend the millage rate to be roll back more than the 8.337. She stated the City should set an example for the other entities in giving back to our citizens. Councilmember Joel Finlay stated he would like to know more about the City Budget needs before entertaining a roll back further than the recommendation of the staff. Richard McCoy stated the City of West Point millage rate has been rolled back for the last five years as shown on the 5-year history report.

Board and Committee Appointment

City Manager Assistant Kristin Lester stated the city has received an application from Diane Davidson for re-appointment to the Board of Adjustment. The item will be on the next business agenda for further consideration.

Other

Councilmember Sandra Thornton asked the Mayor and Council to pray for the Zachery Family as they mourn the death of Mr. George Zachery.

Councilmember Joel B. Finlay asked about the property next to the 11 acres discussed in the last meeting.

Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she has had some complaints about traffic control on 7th Street and Avenue E.

Agenda for August 8, 2022, Meeting

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to set the agenda for the August 8, 2022, Business Meeting which includes Millage Rate and Board and Committee Appointment. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

Adjourn

Councilmember Sandra Thornton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.