



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 8, 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:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.
Mayor Tramell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2022, Work Session and the July 11, 2022, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **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 July 2022 Financial report. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

• **2022 Millage Rate**

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made a motion to adopt the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax levy for the City of West Point as follows:

Gross Levy as follows:	14.107 Mills
Local Option Sales Tax Credit	5.770 Mills
Effective Levy	8.337 Mills

City Tax for 2021 set at 8.337 Mills.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams made a motion to roll back the millage rate further than the 8.337 mills recommended by staff to 8.000 Mills. She stated the council has the authority to do so and they should give back to our citizens; Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III cited budget concerns for not rolling the millage rate to 8.000. The motion to roll the millage to 8.000 Mills failed on a lack of a seconded. The motion to set the millage rate to 8.337 passed **on a 5-1 vote Councilmember Deedee Williams voted No.**

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Tramell stated the city has received an application from Diane Davidson requesting to be reappointed to the Board of Adjustment. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to re-appoint Diane Davidson to a 3-year term to the Board of Adjustment. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

Following the Executive Session,

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to not support exercising the tender option by SPV M. Councilmember Joel F. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to not support exercising the tender option by SPV J. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to not support exercising the tender option by SPV P. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously.**

OTHER

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall thanked C.J. Hicks and Jones Tax Services for the back-to-School bash. The bash awarded book bags and supplies to children in our community.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated the Farmers Market will be next Saturday at the Depot.

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.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor