



City of West Point

Council Regular Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 5:30

City Hall Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall November 14, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay

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

Public Hearing 2023 Proposed Budget

Mayor Tramell opened the Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the proposed 2023 City of West Point Budget. The total 2023 budget is \$21,459,676

The budget was presented to the Mayor and Council at the last work-session. This year the 2023 Proposed Budget will be presented for adoption on December 12, 2022. The total Proposed 2023 Budget is \$21,459,676 which includes General Fund \$6,737,103, Electric \$8,161,372, Water & Sewer \$4,015,145, Gas \$1,627,436, E-911 \$362,670, and \$555,950 Sanitation. The budget includes a 6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) 1 Step Increase all employees, 31 positions 2-5 Steps to reach goal of \$31, 200 annually. The Budget includes a 5% Increase in Water and Sewer rates.

There were no public comments and Mayor Tramell closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2022, Meeting. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; 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 2022 Financial report.

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Deedee Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion or update on issues related to Teel Road, Frank Hall Jr., Contractors, an incident that happened over the weekend at the Depot, vacancies in the Planning Department, and the position for Police Chief. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall asked the City Manager if he was prepared to answer questions involving the topics presented by Councilmember Deedee Williams. City Manager Ed Moon stated it was up to the council to set the agenda. Councilmember Deedee Williams motion to amend the agenda failed for a lack of a second. The motion to approve the printed agenda was made by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III and seconded by Gerald W. Ledbetter and passed motion; **passed 3-1 vote Councilmember Deedee Williams voted No**.

New Business

There were no Business meeting agenda items.

Other

Councilmember Deedee Williams stated she will not be able to attend the retirement party for LaGrange Mayor Jim Thornton but wished him well and encourage the Mayor and Council to support Mayor Thornton Tramell by attending the event. Mayor Tramell stated the next agenda Tuesday, November 29th there will be a work session & Budget Public Hearing #2 and Monday, December 12 will be the regular Business meeting.

Adjourn

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor