



City of West Point

Council Regular Meeting

Monday, December 12, 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 December 12, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Sandra Thornton

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.
Mayor Steve 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 November 14, 2022, Meeting. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams noted corrections on the Economic Director position and Mayor Tramell name inserted in error. The motion **passed unanimously with the necessary corrections.**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Tramell stated the financial report for approval is in the Council packet. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the November 2022 Financial report. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **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 Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

New Business

2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the 2023 proposed budget. 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. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if the budget included any increase adjustment for garbage. City Manager Ed Moon stated there were none; **The motion passed unanimously.**

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve an agreement for the city to provide a school resource officer for West Point Elementary School. The school will provide funding for the officer that will be assigned to provide an increase presence of law enforcement. Councilmember Deedee Williams made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Jamie Welch to serve a three-year term on the Troup County Parks and recreation Commission. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to appoint Lionel Johnson to serve a five-year term on the West Point Development Authority. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Deedee Williams; **passed unanimously.**

SUBDIVISION PLAT OF POINT UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a final subdivision plat for property owned by Point University located between West 10th and 11th Street and 2nd and 3rd Avenue. The West Point municipal planning Board approved and recommends the subdivision plat for approval Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay. During the discussion Councilmember Deedee Williams asked for clarity that Point University owned the building. Planning Director Dennis Dutton confirmed Point's ownership and the vote will approve living space on the bottom floor. **The motion passed unanimously.**

SUBDIVISION PLAT OF WEST POINT HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a final subdivision plat for property owned by West Point Housing Authority located on Higgins Street. The West Point municipal planning Board approved and recommends the subdivision plat for approval. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

REQUEST FOR CONVENTION, MEETING AND BANQUET FACILITY

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve a request by Mr. Willie B. McCarden for a Convention, Meeting, and Banquet Facility that will be located at 2130 Highway 29 West Point. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Deedee Williams; **passed unanimously**.

Other

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked if there was a planning retreat for the upcoming year. City Manager Ed Moon stated the planning retreat will be put on the next work-session. The next scheduled work-session meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023. The next Business meeting is Monday, January 9, 2023.

Adjourn

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III 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.

Richard McCoy
City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell
Mayor