



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Room at West Point City Hall April 25, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Items

There were no public comments.

New Business

Proclamation Valley Haven Hike/Bike Run Proclamation

Mayor Tramell read a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 30th through May 6th as Hike/Bike/Run Week. Donald Cleveland accepted the proclamation on behalf of Valley Haven. Mr. Cleveland thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. He also stated the proclamation demonstrates to the State and Federal agencies that the school has public support.

City Manager Update

Amwaste Contract Renewal

City Manager Ed Moon stated the contract with Amwaste amendments include the recycling 2.1 Service Provided B. Recycling. The language: Contractor shall provide that all garbage collected within the city will be processed at the Repower South facility. (The facility provides processing of municipal solid waste and recovering recyclable materials. All recycling containers will be collected in June 2023 and customers will place solid waste into one container that will be sorted and recycled at the Repower South facility. This includes plastic containers such as water/soda bottles, juice and milk gallon jugs, aluminum cans (soda/water. Cans, food cans ect. Cardboard – All customers will be notified of the changes in service via mail at their billing address in

May of 2023. City and Amwaste will make every effort to notify customers of the change. The entire city will be collected each Friday no more every other week recycle. There were some questions about large card board boxes being picked up and whether or not to have a drop off station so items are not left on the side of the roadside. This item may be put on the May agenda of pushed out another month if needed.

Water Intake project

The city continues to work on the water intake project. SLFRF funds received by the city in 2022 in the amount of \$1.3 million are being held in reserve for this project. We have applied for \$6 million with the USACE in federal funds to build the project along with our matching funds. If awarded this will be a 2024 project. We will continue to look for any other available funds.

Cemeteries & West Point Recreation Multiuse Field

The city has 4 named cemeteries Pinewood available plots 0, Marsellies has 12, West View 370 and East View 0. There are an average of 50 burials per year in the cemeteries. The majority are in Marseilles. The current cost is \$300 per plot. The City Clerk sells plots and maintains plot maps and records. The Public works maintain the grounds. There is a need to expand the Marseilles cemetery to accommodate more burial plots. The city owns property that will accommodate an expansion of the cemetery. The West Point City Cemetery Expansion will create approximately 280 additional individual burial plots for the new 2023 Section. The project includes stormwater management, paving, earthwork, construction services, with a total cost of \$120,000 that will be paid out of the General Fund. The recommended update to Sale and Use of Cemetery Burial Plots, Fees, Cremains, Markers for the 2023 Section, General updates, will be brought back to the Mayor and Council for approval.

There is also a need for an additional multi-use field for a variety of uses. There is property available adjacent to the cemetery property for the field expansion. The project includes Grading and grass of 1 athletic field, stormwater management, gravel drive and parking, earth work construction services, with a total cost with cemetery work will be \$120,000 to be paid out of SPLOST V. The council is requested to consider the concept plan and funding for the project in the upcoming business meeting. If approved staff will move forward with discussion with Troup County Parks and Recreation about assistance with the project for in-kind services. A scope will be finalized and request for proposals will be prepared.

Public Defender

City Attorney Alex Dixon stated the City of West Point Public Defender was arrested and charged with passing counterfeit bills. There was no action taken on this issue.

Board and Committee Appointments

City Manager Ed Moon stated that the City has received an application from Trudye Johnson to serve another term on the Municipal Planning Board. The appointment will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

City Manager Ed Moon stated that City Staff and the Municipal Planning Board requests zoning text amendments to the Official Zoning Ordinance of the City of West Point.

- (1) Residential zoning districts:
 - (a) Definition updates
 - (b) Update lot size and/or density
 - (c) Accessory structures to increase the front and rear heights of fences.
 - (d) Removal of Bed and Breakfast in the R-1 zoning district

(2) Changes to commercial and industrial zoning districts

(a) Reduction of lot width and depth

(b) Building heights compliance.

The updates to the West Point Zoning Ordinance will allow more for consistency as well as bringing many buildings and structures into compliance. A few existing and proposed industrial and commercial buildings do not comply with the existing ordinances. The existing ordinance restricts industrial building to 65 feet maximum. Many of the manufacturing plants are over 80 feet. Another issue has been inconsistencies in lot sizes and minimum square footage for lots. Such inconsistencies make it difficult to distinguish town houses and condominiums. Also fences all over the city do not comply with the front and rear yards heights. City staff recommends for approval of these revisions to the Official zoning Ordinance of the West Point Georgia.

Assignment and Assumption of Equipment Bond, Documents, & Lease

Mr. Rob McCarden representing the West Point Development Authority stated Mobis has agreed to assume from Glovis all Glovis rights, interests, liability and obligations as purchaser and holder of the Equipment Bond. The agreement will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

Other

The Mayor and Council congratulated City Manager Ed Moon for being highlighted in the Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the Urban and Rural Game changers. He also received the 2022 Larry Hobart 7 Hats award from American Public Power Association.

Volunteers needed for Tornado Clean Up Saturday May 6th.

National Day of Prayer May 4th at 11:00am outside West Point City Hall.

Adjourn

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell