



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.  
West Point Council Chambers

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The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Room at West Point City Hall August 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Gloria R. Marshal  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Deedee Williams

Members Absent:

Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III  
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay

**Review Agenda**

Mayor Tramell called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion. Councilmember Sandra Thornton seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

**Public Comment on Any Items**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

**City Manager Update**

The Villages at Harris Creek

City Manager Ed Moon stated liberty Communities is now selling 2,000 to 2,800 sq ft homes starting at \$330,000. There are currently 4 houses under construction.

2023 General Election November 7, 2023

City Manager Ed Moon stated Qualifying for Mayor and Council will be held August 21- August 23 from 8:30 until 4:30 at West Point City Hall on the lower level. Qualifying is provided by the Troup County Board of Election. Qualifying fees as set by the Mayor and Council will be \$214.20 for Mayor and \$151.20 for Council. Payment may be check, cash or money order. Current Seats up for election are Mayor Steve Tramell, Councilmember Sandra Thornton, Gerald W. Ledbetter, and Deedee Williams. The qualifying is posted on the city website, Facebook and posted at city hall.

Millage Rate Discussion

City Manager Ed Moon stated revenues continue to increase while the millage rate is reducing. Strong Economic Development practices along with vision, leadership and management have positioned the City of West Point in a situation to prosper. Investment in the automotive industry services is our core business. He stated its time to invest in services. We have a 5-year strategic plan for each department. The Budget process will detail the proposed use of funds.

## **2024 Budget Calendar**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the 2024 Budget Calendar was in the council packet. City Manager Ed Moon will meet with Mayor and Council individuals as needed August 23 through September 5, 2023. Department Directors have been asked to submit their requests by September 13, 2023. September 13- October 17, 2023, City Manager Ed Moon will assemble the budget and present it to Council. October 31, 2021, the budget will be presented to the council for their first review. Public Hearings will be held November 13 and November 28. December 11, 2023, the budget will be presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption.

## **AMWASTE Amendment to Agreement**

City Manager Ed Moon stated the contract was amended to remove the designated pickup day to include Pickups shall take place Monday through Friday unless affected by holidays or unavoidable disasters. This change will keep us from having to amend the contract if there is a more suitable day for pickup that both parties agree, the contract would not have to be amended.

## **Surplus City Property**

Assistant City Clerk/City Manager Kristin Lester stated the city has four vehicles that the departments would like to surplus 2013 Kia Rio, Utility Department Vin# KNADN4A37D6236860, 2004 Ford F250, Public Works Vin#1FTNX20L54C045525, 2011 KIA Forte, Planning Department, Vin# KNATT4A23B5890120, 2006 Dodge Dakota, City Hall, Vin# 1D7HE48K36S533769. The items will be placed on Government Surplus Action - GovDeals.com.

## **West Point Housing Authority Utility Agreement**

Utilities Director Sammy Inman stated Public Service Commission (PSC) did not have a record of the West Point Housing Authority being permitted to operate Master Meters. The agreement for the City of West Point to maintain and read the meters in the Housing Authority would satisfy the PSC requirements for operation of the Master Meters.

## **2023 Millage Rate Resolution**

City Clerk Richard McCoy stated there are three documents in the council packet. 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Levy Resolution, Current 2023 Property Tax Digest and 5 -year history of levy, and PT-32-1 Computation of Millage Rate Rollback for 2023. based on the state millage rate the city is required to roll back the millage rate from 8.337 to 8.104 to avoid tax increase on non-reassessed properties. With the roll back there will be an increase in revenue of \$2,072,716 over last year. City Staff recommend the council approves the 8.104 millage rate for 2023. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

## **Unit 3 Phase 1 Villages at Harris Creek Final Plat & Street**

Community Development Director Dennis Dutton stated the Villages at Harris Creek must submit the final plat to the city. He stated Street Director Roderick Palmer and Tony Hicks have inspected the streets and have approved that they are up to code. Unit 3 Phase 1 Villages at Harris Creek Final Plate & Street will be on the next meeting for further discussion.

## Other

Councilmember Deedee Williams asked about a sewer leak that was discovered in a ditch on Highway 29. Sammy Inman stated the leak was fixed when it was reported to the city and posting of the leak was done that satisfies the regulations required by the EPA.

Mayor Tramell stated items on the August 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting agenda will be AMWASTE Agreement Amendment, Surplus City Property, West Point Housing Authority Utility Agreement, 2023 Millage Rate Resolution, Unit 3 Phase 1 Villages at Harris Creek Final Plat & Street.

Councilmember Sandra Thornton stated Seniors 55 and above may attend the Elderly Abuse Seminar and Lunch to reserve your place, please call 256-237-6741.

## Adjourn

Mayor Steve Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Richard McCoy

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Steven M. Tramell