



**City of West Point**  
Council Work Session Minutes  
Tuesday, August 29, 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 29, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

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

**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**

Mr. Bart Phillips 2011 U.S. Highway 29 stated he was a 100 % disabled veteran, and he receives the tax exemption from the county. He asked the Mayor and Council to consider applying the tax exemption for veterans to city bills. Mr. Moon stated that the staff recommends giving the exemption to veterans and their surviving spouse.

**New Business**

**City Manager Update**

**Drinking Water System Improvements**

Previously the mayor and council discussed the need for new water intake on the Chattahoochee River.

- North of existing intake.
- City owned property.
- \$7 million project.
  - New raw water intake and supporting infrastructure.
- \$6 million applied for federal funding, announcement in 2023.
- Funding cycle 2024, construction 2025.

**Water Treatment Plant Improvements**

- More water is needed to meet current demand, current Permit Limit 2 MGD.
- Future planned growth.
- Improvements will increase capacity to 4 MGD.
- We are preparing to move forward with engineering and financing, and council approval.
- The project will include.

- New settling basin
- Filter improvements
- Pump improvements
- Building modifications
- New 500,000 gallon clear well
- New Sludge Ponds
- New Generator
- New raw and finished water lines
- Engineering and Inspection
- Total Projected Cost \$16 million.
- There are no grant sources or new revenue sources available for this project.
  - Bonding will be required.
- Engineering and Bonding 2024 Construction 2025.

### **W9th Street CSX Railroad Crossing**

Crossing closed due to a sink hole in the road. Prior to the sink hole city staff was preparing to close the crossing due to the number of incidents at the crossing. Due to the change of the slope of the railroad crossing by CSX many tractor trailers have gotten stuck on the tracks. Some of these have resulted in hazardous materials spills. Other vehicles of various types have also bottomed out on the tracks. This creates a situation that could result in a train colliding with a vehicle stranded on the tracks.

The situation has been reported to CSX and they will not change the grade. The city will need to repair the sink hole and either change the grade of the city street and areas on each side of the crossing or close the street permanently. Once we have more information the options will be presented to the city council for consideration.

### **Radio System Grant**

FEMA has awarded the city a grant in the amount of \$223,840.00 for radio system improvements. We anticipate these improvements will be completed in 2023.

### **Harris Gray, LLC Bid Analysis for the Northwest Harris County Business Park Water Main Installation**

Utility Director Sammy Inman stated the water main extension project was awarded to Felix Grading for \$239,959. The other bids were between \$272,000 to \$310,000. The item will be on the next agenda for consideration.

### **Request for Zoning Amendment from Mr. Michael Pruitt, 0.46 acres Arrowhead Drive, Parcel # 0944C003019**

City Planner Dennis Dutton stated Mr. Michael Pruitt is requesting to build a house on 0.46 acres on Arrowhead Drive. The house will be 1,470 square feet and zoned medium density. The item will be on the next agenda for further consideration.

### **Christmas on the Hooch**

City Manager Ed Moon stated Burrow Warehouse is coordinating the Christmas Event Christmas on the Hooch. There will be slides, crafts, and vendors. City staff recommends \$5,000 to support this community event. The item will be on the next agenda for consideration.

### **West Point Elementary Pool Demolition**

City Attorney Alex Dixon stated Troup County Board of Education is asking the City of West Point and Troup County to agree with them demolishing the swimming pool located at the West Point Elementary school. The swimming pool is located on the Troup County Board of Education property. The estimated cost is \$80,000. Troup County Board of Education will absorb the expenses. The swimming pool was being run by Troup County Parks and Recreation per HB389.

### **Memorandum of Understanding Daesol Georgia LLC**

Economic Director Meghan Richardson stated Daesol Ausys Georgia will establish a new manufacturing facility in West Point. The facility will create more than 140 new jobs and \$72 million in investment. The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the new facility will be on the next agenda for consideration.

### **Executive Session to discuss pending or potential Litigation.**

Mayor Steve Tramell stated that due to a lack of a quorum, Executive Session will be moved to Monday, September 11, 2023.

### **Other**

Mayor Tramell stated items on the September 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Business Meeting agenda will be Harris Gray, LLC Bid Analysis for the Northwest Harris County Business Park Water Main Installation, Request for Zoning Amendment from Mr. Michael Pruitt, 0.46 acres Arrowhead Ddrive, Parcel # 0944C003019, Christmas on the Hooch, West Point Elementary Pool Demolition, Memorandum of Understanding Daesol Georgia LLC and Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans.

### **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