



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 5:30
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on December 11, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mayor Tramell called the meeting of the Council to order.

Mayor Steve Tramell called Mayor Pro-Tempore Gerald W. Ledbetter to give the opening prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tramell.

MINUTES

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2023, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; The motion to approve the November 13, 2023, minutes **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 November Financial report. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Proposed Budget. This year the 2024 Proposed Budget is \$28,433,382 which includes General Fund \$8,634,800, Electric \$12,543,840, Water & Sewer \$3,926,116 Gas \$1,257,726, E-911 \$422,550, SPLOST 1,138,000 and \$510,350 Sanitation. The budget includes a 6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). Eight (8) new staff positions, (1) in General Government, (1) in Police Department, (1) Fire/EMS, (1) Public Works, (2) in 911 and (1) in the utility department. It also includes a 6% increase in water and sewer, a 6% increase in garbage and 50 cent increase roadside collection. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

OTHER

Mayor Tramell stated the next work session will be Thursday, January 4, 2024.

ADJOURN

Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Thornton; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Richard McCoy

Steven M. Tramell