



City of West Point
Council Work Session Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall October 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald E. Ledbetter
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Review Agenda

Mayor Steve Tramell called the meeting to order. He reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion. Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick seconded the motion; **passed unanimously.**

Public Comment on Any Items

There were no public comments.

Monthly Reports

- Police Chief Kevin Carter give a brief report on the police calls for the month. He also stated he received two applicants for the School Resource Officer position. Fire Chief Derick Staley gave a report on the ambulance and fire calls for the month. Utilities Director Sammy Inman, Public Works Director, Roderick Palmer, Community Development Director, Dennis Dutton, and Recreation Director Michael Wayne Pitts gave the Mayor and Council their monthly reports. Copies of the reports are included in the Mayor and Council monthly packet.

New Business

• **Historic Preservation Commission Appointment**

Asst City Manager/City Clerk Kristin Lester stated there is one commission term that has expired. The city has received an application from Jane Fuller and Jamie Welch to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. Incumbent Ms. Fuller and Mr. Welch have experience in business. Ms. Fuller and Mr. Welch applications will be on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

- **Rezoning & Annexation at 523 Warner Road**

City Community Development Director Dennis Dutton stated on October 22, 2024, Troup County received the annexation rezoning request for 0770 000065 & 0770 00006, 0 & 523 Warner Road. The packet will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on November 5, 2024, at their 9:00 am meeting for review. The city will extend water and sewer lines to the property.

2025 Proposed Budget Presentation

City Manager Ed Moon reviewed the 2025 Proposed Budget. The total proposed budget including all funds is \$29,810,014.06. Operation Budgets Electric \$11.5 million, General Government \$9 million, Water/Sewer \$4 million, Gas \$1 million, Sanitation \$.5 million, and SPLOST \$2.9 million. There is a 4% cost of living adjustment (COLA) also included. The electric includes Meter Replacement and Remote Reading Technology, Increased contractor cost for maintenance, purchase vacuum trailer. Water & Sewer includes Meter Replacement and Remote Reding Technology, Increased material cost. Gas includes Meter Replacement and Remote Reading Technology, and increased material cost. General Fund/SPLOST VI General Government Hire part time or contract maintenance, Fill Youth Services Director Position, Purchase Admin Fleet vehicle. Police Building Improvements, Speed Detection Trailer. Fire/EMS Purchase Ambulance (SPLOST VI) Public Works Increase paving & equipment (SPLOST VI) also included in the budget is a Proposed Rate Adjustment dues to increases in cost across all goods and services Water and Sewer Rate Increase 6% Garbage Rate increase 2.9% Curbside Trash Collection \$1.00 per month increase. Residential Water Bill \$10.45 x 6% = \$.63 increase per CCF \$3.43 x 6% = \$.20 increase 2024 5 CCF = \$27.60 2025 %CCF = \$29.15 (12.55) AMWASTE \$12.12 x 2.0% = \$12.47 (\$.35) Curbside Trash \$6.50 + \$1.00 + \$7.50 Total for average residential customer \$2.90 per month. On November 11 the first budget public hearing will be held. On November 26 will hold the second budget public hearing. On December 9 the budget will be on the meeting agenda for Council Consideration.

Other

Mayor Tramell thanked County Commissioner elect for District 3 Rex Scott for attending the meeting. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter stated the West Point Presbyterian Church will celebrate 187 years in existence on November 30th. Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick reported Merry Market will be from 4:00-8:00 on Friday and 9:00-5:00 this Saturday. Walking For A Cure on November 2, at 10:00 a.m. and Point Homecoming on Saturday. The game will be played at the stadium in Valley.

The next Business Meeting November 11, 2024 5:30p.m.

- 2025 Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.