



City of West Point

Council Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 @ 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 January 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Gerald E. Ledbetter
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Mayor Tramell called the January 7, 2025, Mayor and Council meeting to order.

Review Agenda

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

Public Comment on Any Items

Resident Kris Cagle is requesting the city to build a dog park for a place for dogs to run. Similar to Dinius Park located in Auburn, Alabama that has 2 dog parks, a large dog park (1.06 acres) and a small dog park (0.48 acres). He states with all the dogs in West Point this would be nice to have.

New Business

- **City Manager Update**

City Manager Ed Moon stated that their staff will not present their department reports for this meeting. They will present at the January 28 meeting.

The Council approved to pay Troup County to provide early voting for the November 2024 general election. The city has paid \$5,824.00 for their services. Based on the counties reports there was a total of 974 total voters, 496 were early voting from city voters in Troup County. City voters in Harris County totaled 784, 281 were early voting.

City Attorney Alex Dixon and city staff are still working with EZ Blockchain on their renewal agreement. We should have prepared for the January 28 Work Session.

TAKCO Construction donated \$10,000 to the city for recreation. TAKCO is developing a site adjacent to the fire department on Kia Parkway.

Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)

- **Appoint 2025 City Officers**

Mayor Tramell stated the Mayor and Council will need to appoint Mayor Pro-Tempore, City Attorney, and the Municipal Court Staff. The appointments will be on the next business agenda for consideration.

- **2025 Board and Committee Appointments**

City Clerk Kristin Lester presented the board and committee positions that the terms will expire during 2025. All applications received, including those from incumbents, will be reviewed and considered by the City Council.

2025 Board Appointments

March Agenda:

- (1) Hawkes Library, term expires 3/1/2025
 - Marshall Sapp
- (2) Board of Adjustments, term expires 3/5/2025
 - Dianne Davidson
 - Donald Cleveland
- (1) Municipal Planning Board, term expires 3/15/2025
 - Bill Gladden

October Agenda:

- (2) West Point Historic Preservation Commission, term expires 10/1/2025
 - Larry Duncan
 - Joe Thompson

December Agenda:

- (1) West Point Development Authority, term expires 12/31/2025
 - Aaron Lewis
- (1) Troup County Parks & Recreation Commission, term expires 12/31/2025
 - Jamie Welch
 - vacant

- **Qualifying Fees for 2025 Municipal Election**

City Clerk Kristin Lester presented a resolution to set 2025 Municipal Election Qualifying Fee for Councilmembers at \$151.20. Qualifying fees shall be fixed and published prior to February 1st; of the year the general municipal election is to be held. The qualifying fee is three percent of the Councilmember's annual salary from the prior year. Gloria Marshall, Joseph R Downs, III, and Joel Finlay. A resolution to set qualifying fees will be on the meeting agenda for council consideration.

- **Georgia Department of Natural Resources Trail Project Agreement**

- City Manager Ed Moon discussed the Woodyard Trail Park. The Federal Highway Administration granted approval allowing the project to proceed to the next phase. Georgia Department of Natural Resources has provided a project agreement to be approved and executed by City Council. The total cost of the project is \$306,465.00, Fund Support 65%, Grant-in-Aid \$200,000.00, and Minimum Local Match \$106,465.00. Georgia Department of Natural Resources Trail Project Agreement will be on the next business meeting agenda for council consideration.

Other

No other business.

The next Business Meeting January 13, 2025 5:30p.m.

- Appoint 2025 City Officers
- Resolution for Qualifying Fees for 2025 Municipal Election
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources Trail Project Agreement

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.