



City of West Point

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 11, 2025 @ 5:30PM
West Point Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers on August 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Steven M. Tramell presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay
Councilmember Kevin Patrick
Councilmember Sandra Thornton

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall

Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter gave the opening prayer.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell led the pledge of allegiance.

WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS 2025 MILLAGE RATE

Mayor Steve M. Tramell called the work session to order.

City Manager Ed Moon stated the

2025 Net Total Digest for West Point is \$533,244,042. (includes both counties)
Total Value Added from Reassessments: \$15,784,862
2024 Millage Rate: 7.852 mills
2025 Rollback Millage Rate: 7.620 mills
Estimated Revenue Decrease at Rollback: \$158,467

If 7.620 mills (rollback) is adopted:

No public hearings required
City collects less revenue than 2025

If above 7.620 mills is adopted:

City must advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings

The council would like to tentatively increase the millage rate by staying the same as prior year at 7.852 mills. Staff will prepare to advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings.

Mayor Steve M. Tramell called the business meeting of the Council to order.

MINUTES

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2025, Regular Business Meeting. Councilmember Sandra Thornton made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Joel B. Finlay; **passed unanimously**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Steve M. Tramell stated the financial report is in the Council packet. Mayor Tramell asked for a motion to approve the May Financial report. Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter made said motion, seconded by Councilmember Kevin Patrick; **passed unanimously**.

AGENDA

Mayor Steve M. Tramell reviewed the agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made said motion; seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously**.

NEW BUSINESS

SURPLUS CITY EQUIPMENT

Councilmember Joel B. Finlay made a motion to surplus city equipment, a 2008 John Deere Excavator 35D that is no longer in service, Serial #FF035DX26110. The vehicle will be placed on Government Surplus Action - GovDeals.com for auction. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall; **passed unanimously**.

SPLOST V Recreation Allocation

Councilmember Kevin Patrick made a motion to allocate the remaining SPLOST V Troup County funds as follows:

- Aquatic Project \$1,500,000
- Soccer Field \$600,000
- Recreation Improvements \$400,000
- Park Improvements \$500,000
- Total of \$3,000,000

The Mayor and City Council may amend the allocation of funds as long as they are spent on Parks and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III; **passed unanimously**.

ADJOURN

Mayor Steve M. Tramell asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Joseph R. Downs III made said motion and seconded by Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter; **passed unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kristin Lester, City Clerk

Steven M. Tramell, Mayor