



City of West Point
Council Public Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.
West Point Council Chambers

The Public Hearing of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council room of West Point City Hall August 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor Steve Tramell opening the session.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Joseph R. Downs III
Councilmember Gerald W. Ledbetter
Councilmember Kevin M. Patrick

Members Absent:

Councilmember Gloria R. Marshall
Councilmember Sandra Thornton
Councilmember Joel B. Finlay

Public Hearing for Property Tax Increase

Mayor Steve Tramell opened the public hearing.

Mayor Steve Tramell made the following statement:

The City of West Point Mayor and City Council has tentatively adopted a 2025 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax by 3.05 percent.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.852 mills, an increase of 0.232 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.620 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$11.60 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$9.28.

The language in the Notice of Property Tax Increase is required by the State of Georgia. While the notice can sound as though all property owners will see a tax increase, that is not the case.

- If you are a homeowner living in your primary residence with a homestead exemption, your property value will not change in 2025. Assuming the millage rate is not rolled back, your tax bill will remain the same.
- Only non-homestead properties that were reassessed by the county—such as certain commercial properties—will see a higher tax bill if the rate is not rolled back.
- Assuming that the millage rate remains the same for 2025 the property tax revenue collected by the city is projected to decrease from the previous year.

At this time, the City Council has not taken final action on the 2025 millage rate.

The purpose of this public hearing is to listen to your comments regarding the 2025 millage rate. Your remarks will be considered by the council before a final decision is made.

A few guidelines for this hearing:

- This is not a forum for debate or question-and-answer.
- Each speaker will have up to three (3) minutes for comments.
- Please state your name and address before your remarks.

- Council and staff will be available to answer individual questions following the hearing.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Steve Tramell closed the public hearing.

Public Notice

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held at the West Point City Hall, 730 1st Avenue, West Point, GA on August 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are at West Point City Hall, 730 1st Avenue, West Point, GA on September 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.