



## CITY OF WEST POINT

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chamber of West Point City Hall September 10, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Billy H. Head presiding.

Members Present:

Councilmember Joseph Downs III  
Councilmember Donald Gilliam  
Councilmember M. Darren Kelley  
Councilmember Sandra Thornton  
Councilmember Judy L. Wilkinson  
Councilmember Robert Young

Members Absent:

The following public hearing was held prior to opening the Council meeting for business:

- 1.) Public Hearing to receive comments concerning the City of West Point's 2007 millage rate.

Mr. Steven Hulsey who lives at 90 Georgian Terrace said he was protesting the fact that if the millage rate is not rolled back his property taxes will double from last year. He said it wasn't fair for him to have to find a way to pay them within the next three to four months. He wondered what people will do who are on fix incomes. There were no other comments and Mayor Head closed the public hearing.

Mayor Head welcomed everyone and called on Rev. Frank Kennedy, Pilgrim Baptist Church, for opening prayer.

### MINUTES

Minutes from the August 13, regular meeting of the City Council were **approved without change.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilmember Sandra Thornton presented the August financial report with the September cash position and forecast. She made a motion to accept the report; motion seconded by Councilmember Joseph Downs and **passed unanimously.**

## Ordinances & Resolutions

Mayor Head asked for a motion to pass a resolution to roll back the 2007 millage rate to 9.381mills. Councilmember Darren Kelley made said motion. The motion did not receive a second. Mayor Head then asked for a motion to pass a resolution to not increase but keep the same millage rate of 10.354 mills Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Robert Young. The motion **passed on a five (5) to one (1) vote Councilmember Darren Kelley voted no.**

Councilmember Donald Gilliam said he wanted the citizens to understand the City was not raising taxes the millage rate is remaining the same the increase is due to the reassessment of property by Harris County. Councilmember Judy Wilkinson said that Harris County officials have indicated they will work with citizens that have had a dramatic increase in their bills.

Mayor Head asked for a motion to adopt the revised Gas Department Policy and Procedure manuals. Councilmember Robert Young made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Darren Kelley and **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Head asked for a motion to pass a resolution to Quitclaim Deed property once known as Webb Road and Gabbettville Road and now a part of the Kia Plant site to the State of Georgia. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Head asked for a motion to enter into an actual cost utility agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to relocate a city gas line and water line. The Georgia Department of Transportation will pay \$193,000. to relocate the city utilities. Councilmember Joseph Downs made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Donald Gilliam and **passed unanimously.**

Mayor Head asked for a motion to adopt a Standing Agenda Items for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Donald Gilliam made said motion and was seconded by Councilmember Judy Wilkinson and **passed unanimously.**

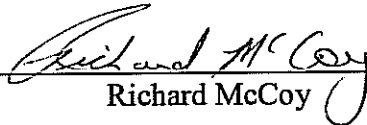
Councilmember Donald Gilliam advised the Mayor and Council that Troup County Commissioner Ken Smith had told him the county would be repairing the leaks to the roof on the old West Point High School building. Councilmember Gilliam said he hope this building can be used for a community meeting place.

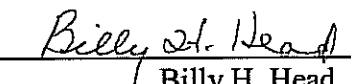
## ADDRESS COUNCIL – Delores Wooley

Mrs. Delores Wooley gave a report from Depot Day that was held on September 8, 2007. She said the annual event was a huge success and they raised a lot of money that will go toward improvements of the facility. She wanted to thank the Mayor and City Council for their help. She also thanked the City Department Heads and their staff for all their hard work in making the day a success.

## ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Richard McCoy  
City Clerk

  
Billy H. Head  
Mayor