

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 19, 2007**

I. Call to Order

The West Point Town Council held a special called meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007. The Honorable James H. Hudson III called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Dick Brake; Charlie Gordon;; Wayne Healy; Jack Lawson; and Gail Nichols.

Member Absent: Tina Gulley

Also Present: Trenton L. Funkhouser, Town Manager; Neal Barber, Economic Development Coordinator; Charlotte Scanlan, Recording Aide and other interested persons.

II. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/ Public Hearing

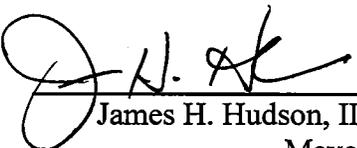
Neal Barber, Economic Development Coordinator, presented Town Council with an update on the Community Development Block Grant and the Massey Oil and Tribble properties on 7th Street. Mr. Barber also presented Council with a detailed budget for the grant along with a Resolution which would authorize the submission of the block grant. (See attached agenda, budget and resolution).

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the Community Development Block Grant. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

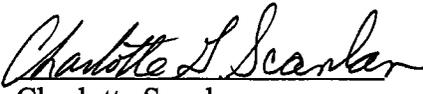
Mr. Robert Brake made a motion to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Healy and upon roll call vote, Mr. Healy, Mr. Brake, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Lawson, and Mrs. Nichols all voted "Aye".

III. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting.


James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:


Charlotte Scanlan,
Recording Aide

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
WORK SESSION
MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2007**

I. Economic Development Retail Update

Neal Barber advised inquiries from individual entrepreneurs and developers have increased recently and Mr. Barber presented Town Council with an updated list showing the inquiries.

Mr. Gordon asked if a Dairy Queen has shown any interest in locating to West Point.

Mr. Barber advised that Dairy Queen is a franchise chain and franchise chains work through developers or site finders, the developer will go out to find sites or locations for expansion. A developer might not always go through the Economic Development Office, they sometime go straight to the owner of a certain piece of property. There has not been any inquires for a Dairy Queen. Mr. Barber also stated that now the bridge replacement projects are near completion hopefully West Point will attract some new businesses.

II. School Facilities Studies

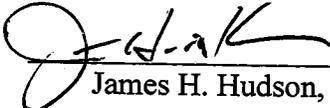
Dan Hickok, Vice President of Rodriguez, Ripley, Maddux and Motley presented a draft report of the Elementary, Middle and High School study. The report showed what repairs or replacements need to be done in an order of priority and a current cost estimate for the repair or replacement.

Dr. Carl Chafin, Senior Researcher presented a projected enrollment summary from Kindergarten through 12th Grade for the next ten years. The summary did not show an increase in students, the student enrolment for 2017 is project to be 799, the 2006 student enrolment was 800.

Mr. Hudson advised that Mr. Hickok will be available for his final presentation to the public at the April 30th Town Council meeting.

III. FY 07-08 Budget

Mr. Funkhouser advised he is currently working on the second round of budget cuts as requested by Mrs. Ball and the Finance Committee. The final budget should be available for review at the April 12th Finance Committee meeting.


James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk