

**TOWN OF WEST POINT**  
**FY 2013-14 Budget Public Hearing**  
**APRIL 22nd 2013**  
**Minutes**

**I Call to Order**

The Honorable James H. Hudson, III called the meeting to order on April 22nd, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Tina Gulley; Wayne Healy; Bub Shreaves; Paul Kelley and Chris Vincent.

Members Present at King William Board of Supervisors Meeting: Deborah Ball and Jack Lawson.

Also Present: John Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Interim Chief of Police, Bobby Mawyer; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Charlotte Scanlan, Administrative Assistant and other interested persons.

**II PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Ordinance 04-13 / Gas Tax and Building Fees [*See Attached Ordinance*]

Mayor Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on Ordinance 04-13. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

B. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget

John Edwards, the Town Manager, presented a power point presentation on the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget.

Mayor Hudson opened the floor for citizens to comment on the advertised budget and for each person to keep their comments to three minutes unless you are speaking for a group then you have five minutes:

1. Robert South, 1013 F Street, West Point, Virginia stated that he is concerned for the retirement community living on a fixed income and is concerned with recent history of the town implementing fees or tax increases; last year Town employees were reduced by 7 employee's; six months later one of those positions was filled with a part-time person; now Town Council is proposing an assistant at Public Works for \$35,000, one new police officer and to make a part-time employee full-time.

Mr. Hudson told Mr. South that he would be able to speak at the Town Council meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2013.

2. Linda South, 429 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, West Point, Virginia stated that she made comments before regarding the police cars randomly parked around town that are not in use. Ms. South advised that the cars are a waste of money if they are not being used.

Chief Mawyer advised that the police department have reduced their vehicle fleet.

Ms. South stated that the proposed budget has a new vehicle purchase.

Mr. Edwards advised the new vehicle is not for the police department.

3. Brad Philpot, 795 Thompson Avenue, West Point, Virginia stated that he has reviewed the budget and does not see the changes or reoccurring fees for vehicle maintenance and gas in the refuse department.

Mr. Edwards advised that the fees and increases are included in the budget. The refuse department is an enterprise fund that is separate to the Town Operational budget. Mr. Edwards stated that he is available to review the budget with residents and to answer any questions.

Mayor Hudson stated that the public will be allowed to speak at the Town Council meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2013.

There being no further business, Mayor Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

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James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk